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Architect, Regarding Mint Construction
April 30-1904 to May 9th 1905

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Supervising Architect.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.H.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

75% of the plumbing, 70% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

All plumbing fixtures have been installed in the basement toilet room, and the greater part of those in the attic toilet room. Both air compressors are in place with motors attached, and the two north boilers are being put in place. Work of placing foundation for fresh water tank is now in progress.

Respectfully,

H. Savick
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Reviewed through the
Superintendent of Construction.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of ornamental plaster work over corridor windows in the second story of the Mint Building in this city, I have to state that said work, which has just been placed, does not correspond with the photograph sent me of model No. 4 for said work, and I have made inquiries and the plaster man informs me that he has no model and has never had one and that he made said plaster work to conform to full size detail sheet No. 159. The said model I am certain was received by the contractor as I checked the same when unpacked after receipt from Washington. I find the work conforms to the said full size detail, and I have to ask whether I shall permit the work to remain as it conforms to said detail, or whether I shall require the work to correspond with the model as indicated by the photograph sent me.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

, Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

April 30th,

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Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract is of satisfactory character, it is still somewhat delayed. One boiler and the water tubes belonging to same have not yet been received, but considerable progress is being made in placing two of the boilers and arranging for the heating room incasement. The placing of plumbing fixtures is being delayed until the coming of terrazzo floors of toilet rooms, the material for which has just been received and it is expected workmen to place the same will give in a day or two.

Work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract has been somewhat delayed on account of failure to receive the joinery finish and marble work, which it is believed is now all in the city. The contractor promises that a sufficient number of workmen will be employed to put the same in place promptly.

Mechanics employed: 2 bricklayers, 1 carpenter, 6 marble setters, 3 electricians, 2 steam fitters, 2 plumbers and 30 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 2, 1904.

Mr. J. H. Mor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 17th and enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount \$87.00, as an addition their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building this city, to furnish and place a 2 inch conduit from back of switchboard in engine room into the sweeps room, vouchers for whitework will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of report of the 25th ultimo made by Mr. J. P. Bergin, Vault, Safe & Lock Expert, in relation to the vault work to be installed by the Diebold Safe & Lock Company under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building in this city, which report has been read and the same placed on file.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of watchmen on the contingent force of the Mint Building in this city, under my charge, I have to state that as it appears the force from the Mint in this city will move into the new building by July first next, it will be unnecessary to continue the services of the watchmen under my charge after that time.

I have conferred with Mr. Frank M. Downer, Assayer in Charge of the old Mint, and he is quite certain that additional watchmen will be required after moving into this building, and as the two watchmen now employed here, Mr. Eugene C. Wilson and Mr. Herbert D. Bartlett, are both faithful, earnest and deserving, and competent and qualified to fill the position of watchman or positions requiring considerable educational qualifications, I think it desirable and in the interest of the Government to so arrange matters, if at all possible, to have them retained in the service and transferred to the force employed by the Mint people after moving into the building. In fact I will say that I cannot recommend them too highly for such a position as their services have been so entirely satisfactory here, and Mr. Downer gives me permis-

sion to state that he will be very much pleased to have said two
watchmen retained in the service under his charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 3, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

In the matter of the use of cast iron drain pipe, etc., removed and not to be re-used under your contract of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, of which some 8 inch pipe has been used for pipe sleeves, some 3 inch pipe for drains and one 6" cleanout, I have to request that you will state the amount to be deducted from your contract on account of the same.

Respectfully,

John C. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 3rd, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

In the matter of economizer included in your contract of Mechanical Equipment for the Mint Building in this city, which economizer has been so constructed and set that connection cannot be made to permit one half only being used at a time for heating house water, etc., I have to request that you state the amount to be deducted from your contract if the economizer remains as at present, except that connections be made so that it can be used as a whole for either heating feed water or for heating house water for the building.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 4, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On the 14th ultimo I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle to state the amount he would deduct from the sum to be paid him under his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, for the omission of handholes, electric wire conduits and wiring at lamp standards at driveway entrances (a copy of my letter being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, dated the 3rd instant, to deduct the sum of \$22.50 for said omission, this change being referred to in paragraph 6, page 3, of Mr. Talcott's report to you on the 18th ultimo as being an improvement (in which statement I concur), and as the omission is reasonable in amount (some of the material for which work has been delivered at the building for placing), I recommend that said proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Leo C. Cullen
Superintendent.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 4, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On the 14th ultimo I requested Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to state the amount, in addition to their contract, for which they would continue the electric wire conduits and wiring from the foot of posts at driveway entrances to the top of the lamp standards (a copy of my letter being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount \$21.00 for said work, the said change being referred to in paragraph 6, page 3, of Mr. Talcott's report to you dated the 18th ultimo as being an improvement (in which statement I concur), and as the amount for said additional work is considered reasonable, I recommend the acceptance of said proposal.

Respectfully,

Leo C. Cady
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 6, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 3rd instant informing me relative to the inspector's stamp and mill number to be placed on the plates of boilers for the Mint Building in this city, under my charge, and replying to the same will state that some of the numbers indicated have been found and a further search will be made for the numbers on the remaining plates.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cullum
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 7, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 4th instant in reference to the ornamental plaster work over the corridor windows of the second story of Mint Building in this city, and informing me that if the work is carried out in accordance with the full size detail drawing No. 159 it will be satisfactory to the Office, and in reply I have to state that the work has been performed in accordance with said detail.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 7, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount \$850.00, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to install instruments made by the Weston Electrical Company, in lieu of those made by the Keystone Electrical Instrument Company, and note your instructions that \$535.00 of the above amount will be paid from the appropriation for New Machinery, Denver Mint, under the control of the Director of the Mint, and \$315.00 from the appropriation for Mint Building, Denver, Colorado, etc., and in issuing vouchers for said work your instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 7, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

75% of the plumbing, 73% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

All indirect radiators, fans and motors have been received and are in course of installation. The foundation for the fresh water tank has been completed, and the foundation for south boilers is being placed. The two north boilers have been installed excepting the Hawley down draft furnaces. The terrazzo floors in all toilet rooms have been put in place.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the four marble columns to be placed in the second story beneath ceiling light under your contract of Completion, etc., Mint Building in this city, which columns are too short for the space intended, I have to request that you submit a proposal for placing over each cap a square marble slab, each side to be of the same length as the diameter of the column at the neck.

Respectfully,

John H. H. H.
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

The Denver Iron & Wire Works,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to state the amount for which you will put in place $1/2"$ x $3/16"$ wrought iron rings in the spaces between the $1/2"$ square bars of elevator grilles, where people come in contact with same, for the Public Building at Cheyenne, Wyoming, the said rings to be secured with $1/8"$ wrought iron rivets let through the grille bars, countersunk and heads finished smooth, the finish of the rings to correspond with other finish of the grille work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. A. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 5th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to the Citizens Alliance of this city regarding complaints made against my action in not permitting certain structural iron workers to work in the construction of floors for vaults in the Mint Building in this city, which communication has been read and the same placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th instant forwarding three photographs taken from approved models for certain ornamental work about the entrance to the Mint Building in this city under my charge, which photographs have also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant directing me to obtain a proposal for placing over the cap of certain marble columns in the Mint Building in this city, a square marble slab, each side to be of the same length as the diameter of the columns at neck, and in reply I have to state that I have requested the contractor to submit said proposal and the same will be forwarded to your Office immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

See Closing
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant directing me to prepare a sketch showing reinforcement of $1/2" \times 3/16"$ wrought iron rings between rods of grilles for elevator enclosures at the Public Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and obtain a proposal based thereon, the stiffening to be applied only to panels where people come in contact with the grille, and in reply I have to state that I have prepared said sketch and requested the contractors to submit a proposal as directed, which proposal will be forwarded to your Office as soon as it has been received, together with a copy of the sketch.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 9, 1904.

Mr. G. W. Githens,
218 Fifteenth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter to you on the 22nd ultimo, informing you of the acceptance of your bid for the temporary office at the Mint building in this city, I have now to request that you will call at my office as soon as convenient and make payment for said building and confer as to the moving of the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 10, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Chief Executive Officer,
Office of the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial P.) of the 7th instant, I have to state concerning the sale of Government property for which a certificate of deposit, in amount \$213.00, was issued by the Cashier of the Denver National Bank of this city on April 29th, that said funds were received for the sale of cast iron pipe, etc. (\$148.00), and for scrap iron, etc. (\$65.00), purchased by Mr. D. Goldstein of this city, there being no expense for the sale and the certificate of deposit being numbered 1361, dated April 29th, 1904, and signed J. H. Hudson, Cashier.

I have also to report the sale of two manhole cap stones and cast iron covers for same, in amount \$5.00, to Mr. Hyman Lifshitz, the certificate of deposit being numbered 1372, issued by the Denver National Bank of this city, and signed E. I. Irish, Cashier. Both sales were authorized by Department letter (initial F.) of April 19th, and a copy of each certificate is enclosed herewith.

The flagging, fence and Superintendent's office have not been paid for, hence are still in my possession, but the purchaser of the flagging and fence promises to pay for the same within a few days, and the

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 10, 1904.

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Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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purchaser of the Superintendent's office has been requested to call
and make payment. As soon as payments are made the money will be
deposited and certificates forwarded to the Department.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter dated the 11th instant from the sub-contractors for the hardware included in Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, which letter Mr. McGonigle handed to me with a request for the information inquired for.

I have informed the contractor that all circular transoms of first story exterior windows are fixed and require no transom chains, butts, catches, etc., and I have to ask you to inform me as to the inquiry concerning the inside trim on standing leaf of double doors. It would seem that said trim can be placed provided an escutcheon and knob of the same size as those on the swinging leaf be substituted for the small escutcheon and knob on the approved extension bolts.

Respectfully,

Lee
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 13, 1904.

The Piper Brothers Company,
Pueblo, Colorado.

gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant making inquiry relative to certain changes contemplated in the Post Office building in your city, and in reply will state that it is desired that the work be done in accordance with the drawing and specification in every respect, and as the specification requires the new work and the finish in the new corridor to correspond with the present corridor, etc., all changes necessary to make the work complete should be included in your estimate.

I have informed Messrs. T.W. Cook & Company that the drawing and specification for the work are here, but they have not yet called for them, and in case they do not call this morning I will take the same to them.

Respectfully,

Wm. L. Cook
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 13, 1904.

Mr. A. L. Morrison,
Custodian, U.S. Court House,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to the cess pool for the blow-off for the boiler in the building under your charge, and as I urged the same in my report to the Supervising Architect, stating my reason for thinking the same necessary and the Supervising Architect has decided to omit it, I fear I could not accomplish anything by writing him again; but you might make a request and state your reasons for the necessity of the pool in addition to my statements and the request may possibly be granted.

With best wishes, etc., I am

Respectfully yours,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 14, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount \$21.00, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to put in the conduits, wiring, etc., in connection with lamp standards at driveway entrance, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee C. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Main Building,
Denver, Colo., May 14, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

80% of the plumbing, 75% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

Nearly all plumbing fixtures in the toilet rooms have been put in place. The foundation for the south boilers is in place and the drums and frames of same have been installed. One Hawley down draft furnace has been connected to one of the north boilers, and air compressors have been connected to tanks.

Respectfully,

M. J. Smith
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Wm. C. Smith
Superintendent of Construction.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

May 14th,

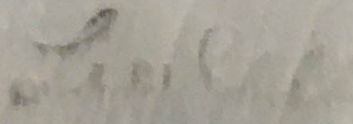
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Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment and that under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion, etc., is progressing satisfactorily at present and the character of the work is also satisfactory.

Mechanics employed: 2 bricklayers, 3 carpenters, 6 marble setters, 3 electricians, 2 steam fitters, 2 plumbers, 2 mosaic floor men and 40 laborers.

Respectfully,


 Superintendent.

construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 12th instant enclosing Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, to deduct the sum of \$22.00, from his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, for the omission of four electric wire boxes, etc., near front of stone posts at driveway entrance at said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 16, 1904.

Mr. A. L. Morrison,
Custodian, U. S. Court House,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant referring to the Supervising Architect's telegram that the color scheme as mentioned for the Post Office working room may be adopted for the court room, if approved by you, and I would advise that you inform each bidder by letter, if you have time before opening bids, that the words "Court room" be substituted for "Post Office working room" which I think will make the matter satisfactory, unless you desire to make some change in the colors, etc., in the court room which I think bidders would willingly do to please you, and in case you do not have time to inform all bidders of that change, I would let the matter go just as it is and the contractor when he does the work would, I think, make the change.

The contractor here who has done much repairing at the Post Office building and to whom I had the specification sent, is out of the city in the southern part of the state, but I understand he intends to bid on your work and furthermore that he will likely visit your building before making up his proposal.

With best wishes, etc., I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 17, 1904.

Honorable H.A. Taylor,
Acting Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of the 13th instant, accepting the proposal of the Mitchell Vance Company of New York City, in amount \$7,247.50, for lighting fixtures for the Mint Building in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued as a charge against the appropriation for New Machinery, Mint at Denver, and forwarded to the Department through the office of the Superintendent of the Mint, this city, in accordance with your instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 17, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In putting in place the marble work of the first story corridor, the plastered ceiling has been blackened by the use of gasoline lights, and Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, desires to know what will be necessary to make the plaster finish satisfactory; whether he may give the plastering a coat of glue size and then a coat of water color finished white to correspond with other plaster finish, or shall I require him to remove the present white coat of the plaster finish and apply another white finish coat.

Respectfully,

Lawrence C. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 13th instant, I forward to you, under separate cover, twenty-two samples cut from the cables delivered at the Mint Building in this city for use on the elevators under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment, each sample being marked to indicate for what elevator it is intended and what service it will perform on same, as follows:

Lift No. 1.

Sample No.	1.	Lifting cable No.	1.
"	2.	"	2.
"	3.	"	3.
"	4.	"	4.
"	5.	Drum Counterweight cable No.	1.
"	6.	"	2.
"	7.	Cage	1.
"	8.	"	2.

Lift No. 2.

Sample No.	9.	Cage Counterweight No.	1.
"	10.	"	2.
"	11.	Drum Counterweight	1.
"	12.	"	2.
"	13.	Lifting Cable No.	1.
"	14.	"	2.
"	15.	"	3.
"	16.	"	4.

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Lift No. 3.

Sample No.	17.	Lifting cable No.	1.
"	18	"	2.
"	19.	Drum Counterweight Cable No.	1.
"	20	"	2.
"	21	Cage	1.
"	22.	"	2.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 19, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Chief Executive Officer,
Office of the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As authorized by Department letter (initial F.) of April 19, last, I enclose herewith a certificate of deposit, in amount \$90.00, #1375, issued by the Denver National Bank, of even date, and signed by E. J. Irish, Cashier, for the sale of the temporary office at the Mint Building in this city, there being no expense attached to the sale.

Mr. D. Goldstein whose proposal for the fence enclosing the site and flagging was accepted, has not yet removed said material, but promises to do so on the 23rd instant, at which time it will be convenient to have the fence removed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

May 21 4

Boilers ready for test by Wednesday. Can get city boilers inspector's test gauge, registers three hundred. Has been tested. Consider it accurate.

None on sale here. New gauge cost six dollars and some delay. Wire instructions
 official burning of Gov't note. Col. Supt. Valley Mint.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Will visit Pueblo tomorrow, then to Leadville as directed.

May 21,

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Supt. Selling Mts.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 21st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B. W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

⁸⁵ 80% of the plumbing, 75% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

Hawley Down Draft furnaces have been connected to both north boilers, and the boilers will be ready for hydrostatic test during the coming week. The iron construction of fresh water tank has also been put in place. All attic fans and a portion of the motors have been put in place.

Respectfully,

W. B. Smith
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

W. B. Smith
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building

Denver, Colo., May 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, informing him of the rejection of certain samples of varnish submitted for use under his contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Dear Sir,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building, Denver, Colo.

Pueblo, Colo., May 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department telegram of the 21st instant, I came to Pueblo yesterday morning and made examination of the roof of the Post Office building where damaged by the hail storm of the 20th instant.

I found that thirty-four glass in the skylight and three window lights were broken, and the custodian has shown me a telegram and letter of the 20th instant in which he informed you he had made a contract to have the skylight repaired at once at an expense of \$120.00 as an emergency, the broken glass to be removed and new glass substituted therefor. I consider the amount for the repairs reasonable. The skylight has been covered with canvas to protect the interior of the building from damage in case rains occur before the new glass has been delivered and placed.

The copper work of the roof covering shows evidence of considerable battering by the hail stones, and in some places the copper has been broken or holes and soldered joints opened by the hail stones. I have advised the custodian and janitor to stop the breaks temporarily to prevent leaks, using red lead, etc., as is customarily used in such cases and which I consider will answer for some time.

Construction,

Mint Building, Denver, Colo.

Pueblo, Colo., May 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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Mr. J. K. Taylor

About one fourth of the Spanish tiles that cover the projecting portion of the roof (below the cresting, which is at wall line) has been broken by the hail. By actual count I found there were 1,543 tiles and 14 pieces of hip roll broken out of a total of 6,236 tiles and 63 pieces of hip roll.

Glaazed Spanish tiles ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " to $3\frac{3}{8}$ " thick) were used, nailed to the book tile, bedded in hydraulic cement and pointed along the sides with an elastic cement.

The broken tiles are scattered so that if an attempt is made to cut them out and substitute new tiles, it will probably cost about 75 cents each, as cutting the cement to remove the pieces must be so carefully done to avoid breaking other tile that the time would be a large item of expense, and the total cost of patching, including placing new hip rolls would probably be \$1200.

There are about 51 $1\frac{1}{2}$ squares of the tiling, and to remove all the tile, cement, etc., now on the roof, repair book tile where broken and substitute new tiling would cost from \$25. to \$30. per square, or say about \$1300. to \$1500., and the work would then be more uniform in appearance and more substantial than if it was patched.

Hail storms that are destructive are not frequent here, as people say they have not had such a storm before as that of the 20th instant, and as Spanish tile roof is in keeping with the style of the Post Office building here and such a storm not likely to occur again within a generation or two, I recommend that all tiling now on the roof be removed and new red or brown Spanish tile of approved shape and manufacture be substituted.

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tuted, the starting tile to have closed ends, the barrels of top course to die to a flat surface, and hip rolls to be cut to fit over the barrels of the roof tiles. All the tiles to be locked together and secured to wood strips nailed on the back tile with wires or secured to back tiles, bedded in Portland cement and all joints along sides and laps at ends to be completely filled with elastic cement.

I also recommend that the entire copper work of the roof covering be carefully examined and all breaks in the copper or the solder (including those breaks that have been repaired with red lead, etc.) be scraped clean and soldered water tight.

While the broken tile are outside the wall line of the building and will not cause damage to the interior of the building in case of rains, I recommend that a contract for the repairs be made as soon as possible in order that the repairs may be completed before bad weather in the fall begins.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, Mint
Building, Denver, Colorado.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 26, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, advising them relative to grille work for switchboard to be installed under their contract, and directing modification of contractors' drawing numbered E.W.-263 so as to show 1/2" grille work above and at ends of switchboard, instead of 1" as shown, which directions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Bentley
Clerk.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company to substitute steel cables for the Swedish iron cables required by their contract of Mechanical Equipment for the Mint Building in this city, said substitution being in connection with the 20,000-pound freight hoist and to be without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Miller
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 27, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Owing to the fact that the first story corridor ceiling of the Mint Building in this city has been discolored by workmen placing marble work under your contract of completion, etc., and as your contract provides that when your work is completed all the plastering shall be clean, etc., I have to request that you furnish me a proposal to clean said ceiling as well as possible, then give the same one coat of copal varnish and a coat of water color which will entirely cover discoloration, etc., and make the same correspond with other plastering, in lieu of scraping off the present plaster finish coat and re-finishing the same.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As directed in Department telegram of the 18th instant, I visited the Leadville, Colorado, Post Office site on the 23rd instant and remained until the 26th. I conferred with the Postmaster and the contractor concerning the starting of work on the building. We found that one corner stake was missing, but the engineer who made the survey for the Government and set the stakes (and who, until recently, was city engineer) agreed to re-set it and he also agreed to give the contractor the elevation of the bench mark from which the elevations on the drawings are figured and which are on corner stones of other buildings across the street.

Building materials on sale there are not of good quality generally, although framing lumber, sand and granite will likely be satisfactory. We visited a brick yard, lumber yard, sand banks, etc., and decided that nearly all samples would have to be obtained in Denver. The contractor will be here tomorrow or Monday and I will then help him secure samples which I have urged him to forward as early as possible, as the building season is very short in Leadville.

There will be no necessity for another trip to Leadville until the excavation is completed, information concerning which can be obtained from time to time from the Postmaster. The soil in that locality appears to be a dry compact clay containing gravel and boulders, and I do not anticipate any trouble in finding excellent foundations at the depths indicated on the plans.

Respectfully,

Lee V. ...

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$86.20, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, for furnishing and putting in place two coal hole frames and covers over coal vault similar to the others put in place under his contract.

The two coal hole frames and covers were placed about seven feet from the east wall of the coal vault through mistake of the workmen to line with the lights in top of the gas generating plant room, and upon my return to the city it was called to my attention, and as only the brick arches have been placed, the said frames can readily be moved, which the contractor will do, if directed.

It would seem advisable to put in two additional frames and covers if there are sufficient funds available for said purpose, and I consider the enclosed proposal reasonable for the work.

This matter, I understand, was called to the attention of the Director of the Mint with recommendation that you be requested to provide two additional coal hole frames, etc., and I have to request instructions in the matter. The two frames will be promptly moved if you decide not to incur the expense of two additional frames and covers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant directing me to obtain from the contractor for the Mint Building in this city a proposal for applying a coat of water color which will entirely cover the discoloration of the plastered ceiling of the first story corridor of said building, and in reply I have to state that said proposal has been requested and will be forwarded to your Office immediately upon receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the inquiry of the 11th instant from Mr. W. B. Richards concerning the hardware trim on standing leaf of double doors under your contract of Completion, No. , Mint Building in this city, which inquiry was handed to me, I have to inform you that the said doors can be trimmed double by providing escutcheons and knobs on the extension bolts of the same size as escutcheon and knob on swinging doors in lieu of the small knob and small escutcheon on stop bolts, which method will comply with the specification requiring double trim on double doors. In case it is not agreeable to you to so finish the work, I have to request that you state an amount which you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract if permission is given to place top and bottom bolts on standing leaf of the double doors in lieu of the approved extension bolt, the handles of said top and bottom bolts to be within easy reach from the floor; in which case the knobs and escutcheons can be placed on both sides of standing leaf of door to correspond with trim on swinging leaf as required by the specification.

I have also to inform you that all exterior transoms are to be fixed, requiring no transom openers and handles.

Respectfully,

W. B. Richards
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. C. A. Keuper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 25th instant relative to hardware trim of double doors included under Mr. James A. McConigle's contract of Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, and I have instructed the contractor to place escutcheons and knobs on extension bolts to correspond with the escutcheons and knobs on swinging leaf of door; or submit a proposal for top and bottom bolt, etc., and concurring the same I have to say that as soon as the contractor informs me of his intention, I will advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

John C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant, I requested the Denver Iron and Wire Works Company of this city to submit a proposal for reinforcing certain grilles of elevator enclosures at Public Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, for which work the said company has a sub-contract under Forster and Smith (a copy of my letter of the 9th instant and a copy of the sketch being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount \$467.00, dated the 27th instant, from Forster and Smith.

As I have not the drawings at hand to ascertain the extent of said additional work, I am unable to estimate the value of the same to check said bid as to its reasonableness.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Cull
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 24th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to The Mitchell Vane Company, contractors for Lighting Fixtures in the Mint Building in this city, advising them of the approval for finish, etc., of samples of tube, shells and casing, which samples have also been received and placed on file.

I am in receipt also of a set of fixture drawings, E.W.-88 to E.W.-92, for said work.

Respectfully,

Lee B. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant, relative to the blackening of plastered ceiling in the first story corridor of the Mint Building in this city, and directing me to obtain a proposal from the contractor for remedying the same, I have secured the enclosed proposal, dated the 28th instant, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building (a copy of my letter of the 27th instant being enclosed herewith), and as the method stated will, I am satisfied, finish the work to correspond with other ceilings, I recommend the acceptance of said proposal.

Respectfully,

Her. C. C. C.
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

85% of the plumbing, 75% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

Several plumbing fixtures have been placed in the upper rooms; enclosures have been placed around attic fans; tubes have been placed and connected to south boiler, and work is in progress connecting indirects in heating chamber. All electric conduits are now in place. Expected to put pressure on north boilers, but discovered crack in one of the tubes, the same having now been removed, and leaks were discovered in hand-holes all of which had to be removed. The contractors are now having the gaskets covered with oil and graphite. Expect to get pressure during the coming week.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

May 31st,

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Completed	Completed
88% Completed	85% Completed
None	Completed
Completed	95% Completed
"	15% "
"	Completed
50% Completed	95% Completed
Completed	75% "
95% Completed	85% "
	80% "

Work under Messrs. S. Smith & Company's contract - Mechanical Equipment, is satisfactory as to character, but progress hardly satisfactory.

Work under Mr. James A. McConigle's contract, Completion, &c., is satisfactory in character and quantity, although the work should have been completed this month but for delays in marble work, joinery work and the plaster work in some portions, progress being prevented by work under other contracts.

The linings and vestibules of burglar proof vaults E, F, G and H have been received, but the placing of the same will not begin until about the 6th instant.

Mechanics employed 2 bricklayers, 15 carpenters, 6 marble setters, 2 terrazzo floor workers, 3 electricians, 2 steam-fitters & plumbers and 30 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 31st, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. A. P.) of the 26th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of the same date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, informing him of the approval of the sample of varnish bearing brand "Treasury Department Architectural" for use under his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of Mint Building in this city, and I will make investigation as to the brand of said varnish when delivered at the building and forward a sample to you for identification, as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 31st, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date informing me that samples of cables for lifts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are satisfactory for use in connection with the Mint Building in this city under my charge.

Respectfully,

John S. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 31st, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 27th instant relative to vault work under contract with The Diebold Safe & Lock Company for the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will state that three carloads of material have just been delivered at the building, including, I understand, all that is necessary for the lining and vestibules of vaults E, F, G and H, - no doors, however, have been received. The representative of The Diebold Safe & Lock Company in this city states that he does not know of any further shipment but expected the doors would be here soon. I am unable to obtain any further information regarding said material.

The said representative also informs me that the principal workmen will come from the Canton shops to place the material and that they will likely be here about Friday or Saturday of this week to begin work on Monday; in the meantime it is expected the material will be gotten into the building for placing at that time.

In the matter of installation of the material, I will state that I am satisfied I can secure the placing of the same in accordance with the

drawings and specifications for the present at least, and when an assistant is required during the placing of more technical work I will again write you making request for the services of the expert.

Respectfully,

L. C. King
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 31st, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 28th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of same date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, to change location of doors, etc. for the sweeps cellar at said building, without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Lee R. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 31st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Superising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc), Mint Building in this city, to submit a proposal for placing marble slabs over the caps of the second story columns (a copy of my letter of the 9th instant being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal of this date to place slabs as directed without additional expense to the Government. By the placing of the slabs 13" square over the caps, the said columns would appear to be disengaged and the contractor proposes to place the slabs of said size or larger than the caps, if desired, and while the error in obtaining short columns is chargeable to the sub-contractor for the marble work, who was unwilling to make a deduction on account of the same, I am of the opinion that a small deduction may be obtained for permission to use the same by placing a slab over the cap if insisted upon by you.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to authority given in Department letter (initial P.A. of April 19th, last, to accept proposals for fence, flagging, Superintendent's office, etc., at the Mint Building in this city, I have to report that the parties paid the money for the material, except for the fence and stone flagging for which Mr. D. Goldstein bid \$70.00 and \$155.00, respectively. The cast iron pipe and scrap iron were taken by him and paid for, but I did not at that time require him to pay the purchase money for all the material as it did not seem advisable at that time to have the fence removed and I have been unable to have him pay for the fence and flagging as he repeatedly promised from week to week and from day to day that he would call and complete the purchase. He has finally refused to take said material and I have to recommend that authority be given to accept Mr. James Collier's proposal, in amount \$125.00, for the flagging and Mr. Hyman Lifshitz's proposal, in amount \$20.00 for the fence, the said two bids being next to Mr. Goldstein's bid for said materials, and I have also to recommend that such portion of Mr. Goldstein's check, in amount \$45.00, be forfeited as you consider proper.

Respectfully,

superintendent.

NIGHT TELEGRAM.

Leadville, Colo., May 28, 1904.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Will mail report on Pueblo Post Office roof repairs Wednesday.

Supt. Ullis, Denver Mint.

Official Business,
Gov't Rate, collect.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 3, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 31st ultimo relative to request of Acting Director of the U.S. Mint for 14 additional coal holes in ceiling of coal vault at the Mint building in this city, requesting me to obtain a proposal for the same, and in reply will state that I forwarded such a proposal to your Office on the 28th ultimo with a recommendation.

Respectfully,

The C. C. C.
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 3, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 31st ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Mitchell Vance Company, contractors for Lighting Fixtures, Mint Building in this city, advising them relative to the approval of certain samples, a set of which samples has been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 4, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

85% of the plumbing, 75% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

The ladirects have all been connected and enclosures for same have been completed. The tubes have been placed and connected to both south boilers: all boilers are still in an unsatisfactory condition for test, and I am unable to state when they will be ready. The traps in the basement are being put in place, and the concrete walls of the fresh water tank are in course of construction.

Respectfully,

McClaville
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 4, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Chief Executive Officer,
Office of the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of Estimate of Funds presented to the Disbursing Agent on the 1st instant for payments to contractors for work during this month, Mint Building in this city, I have to state that I overlooked the fact that the vault work, under The Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract is expected to begin next week, and I have therefore to request that funds to the full amount of said estimate be forwarded to the Disbursing Agent this month, so that the said amount, together with the funds now in hands of the Disbursing Agent, will be sufficient to make payment of the vouchers likely to be issued at the end of the month.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 6, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that you send me a copy of the specification for work under The Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract for Burglar Proof Vaults at the Mint Building in this city, as I have but one copy of said specification which is attached to the contract.

Respectfully,

Lee Valley
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your circular letter (initial S.) of the 5th ultimo directing me to discontinue the "Time Report of Contingent Force" to be submitted at the end of each month, and in lieu thereof to note briefly on the semi-monthly report to be forwarded at the end of each month, the number of days service rendered by myself and the contingent force under my charge at the Mint Building in this city, and the number of days absence, leave or sick, etc., and salary paid, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigle, and under separate cover, the photograph referred to therein of the cartouche in connection with the ornamental plaster work to be supplied under his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, and informing me that the execution of the model shown by the photograph is apparently inferior to the model furnished by the Government and directing me to advise the contractor that, should the work not be carried out in accordance with the model furnished by the Government, it will be rejected, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 6, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter of the 1st instant from the Supervising Architect forwarding a photograph of the cartouche in connection with the ornamental plaster work to be supplied under your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building in this city, and advising me that the execution of the model shown by the photograph is apparently inferior to the model furnished by the Government and directing me to inform you that, should the work not be in accordance with the last named model, the same will be rejected.

Respectfully,

Edw. A. Kelley
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 7, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 4th instant enclosing letter of the 3rd instant from Mr. R. E. Preston, Acting Director of the Mint, relative to rubbish, etc. in the driveway at the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will state that the said rubbish was removed from the driveway yesterday before the receipt of your letter and that it would not have been left in the driveway but for the fact that the scale pit at the east end of the driveway was open and not completed, which prevented convenient use of the driveway and the contractors for said scale pit would not cover the same but gave permission to have the same covered which was done by contractors McGonigle and Faith & Company. I was not aware that the condition of the driveway prevented any contractor from carrying on his work until a few days ago, after which I made special effort to clear the driveway, but the Providence Engineering Works are not yet making any use of the driveway although it has been cleared.

It would seem that all work at this building now under contract with your Office can be entirely completed by July 31st, next, un-

less it be matters in connection with the boilers, switchboard and storage vault in basement, progress on which is slow, or plastering of boiler room, gas generating plant, etc.

The switchboard and office in the basement engine room cannot be placed until a portion, at least, of the engine room floor has been completed to receive the same, no contract for which having yet been made. It is hardly likely that the storage vault in the basement will be completed by July 31st.

In the matter of occupation of the building by the time the interior finish, etc. is completed, will say that as no light or power plant has yet been installed, it would seem necessary to provide emergency service in case the building is occupied at that time, and it would seem also necessary to provide such service for power to test pumps, motors, capacity of artesian well, etc., under existing contracts.

It would seem that every effort is being made to hasten the completion of the work under contract with your office. The vault work under the Diebold Safe & Lock Company has now begun and will, I think, be pushed quite rapidly, and I have no suggestions or recommendations that seem necessary to make upon the contractors at this time.

I return herewith the letter of the Acting Director of the Mint, above referred to.

Respectfully,

Lee Collins
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 8, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

SuperVising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with your telegram of the 21st ultimo, I made hydrostatic test of the boilers being installed under S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, using the City Inspector's gauge and putting 260 pounds hydrostatic test on said boilers.

About one half of the hand-hole plates had slight leaks around the gaskets and around bolts through the plates. Slight leaks around five of the tubes were also noticeable. Since water was put in boilers, I discovered six slight pinhole leaks in the headers, but with 260 pounds hydrostatic test only three of these leaks appeared. One of these pinholes appears to have been drilled and plugged or chinkered with a chisel. I am of the opinion that none of these leaks will appear with 130 pounds of steam in boilers, and therefore recommend that the boilers be accepted conditionally, and if any leaks should appear with steam on, that they be remedied and new headers placed which can be done without removing the walls.

Please wire instructions at once whether you consider it permissible for contractors to enclose boilers.

Respectfully,

Forwarded through

Superintendent,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 10, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph No. 455 of the specification for Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which requires two 1-1/2" straight-way bottom blow-off valves for each boiler, I have to state that the contractors suggest the use of an asbestos packed blow-off cock as a substitute for one of the blow-off valves, and the said blow-off cock and other blow-off valve to be each 2 inches in diameter instead of 1-1/2 inches which substitution they are willing to make without additional expense to the Government.

The contractors are proceeding with this work at the present time and desire to know as early as possible whether you will permit said change and request that you wire this office on the 13th instant, or as soon thereafter as possible, whether or not we shall permit the change to be made.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle to furnish and set complete four marble slabs to finish four columns on second floor in connection with his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, the same to be without expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Lee V. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

85% of the plumbing, 80% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

It is expected that all toilet rooms will be completed during the coming week; all wiring of the building is in place, and the hot air chamber has been completed except the plastering. Hawley Down Draft Furnaces are being placed under south boilers, and work of enclosing north boilers has begun. The fresh water tank will probably be completed during the coming week, and all basement traps have been placed and connected.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 11, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your circular letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant directing me to prepare and forward to your Office on the last day of the present month a statement showing the point of advancement in each branch of work on the Mint Building in this city, and also a brief synopsis of the work accomplished since June 30th, 1903, which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Kelley
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, to substitute, without expense to the Government, the Rumsey centrifugal pump in lieu of the Smith Vaile pump in connection with their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 6th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, to clean certain ceilings without expense to the Government, all as set forth in said letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

Leo M. ...
Superintendent.

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Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Mr. W. O. Saville, Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus in connection with the Mint Building in this city, has requested me to forward to you the information obtained by him regarding the tanks for testing the boilers at this building as he left the city last night for Helena, Montana, in obedience to instructions in telegram received by him late Saturday night, and it was not possible for him before leaving the city to make his report, which is as follows:

"In compliance with instructions (F.B.W.) of the 7th instant, I have made inquiries in this city as to the possibility of securing here through rental a set of tanks suitable for weighing water for use in connection with forthcoming test of boilers at the Mint Building in this city. I have not been able to find any tanks that could be rented. The S.H. Supply Company, of this city, has two second-hand tanks made of No. 14 iron, 50 inches in diameter and 4 feet high. These tanks appear to be in good condition and were formerly used for hoisting water out of mines. They have also one tank made of 5/16" iron, 42 inches in diameter and 48" high. The bottoms of the first two tanks are convex and they have no tops. The large tank has a cover which can be bolted on. The company guarantees these tanks to be water-tight. The lowest possible price for the tanks is \$5.00 apiece for the small tanks and \$12.00 for the large tank. It may be necessary to reinforce the openings of the small tanks and if so, the expense will be \$5.00."

The information is forwarded by me at this time as Mr. Saville will likely be out of the city all the week and it may be necessary for you to have

the information before he returns.

The prices given for the tanks includes deliver at the building.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cullum
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.,

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$86.20, to furnish and place two coal hole frames and covers over coal vault as an addition to his contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 6th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Mitchell Vance Company, contractors for Lighting Fixtures in the Mint Building in this city, advising them of the approval of pendant switch, a sample of which has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 14, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to The Mitchell Vance Company, contractors for Lighting Fixtures in the Mint Building in this city, advising them of the approval of sample of their art glass #4-1/2 for use in fixture of type B, also of certain requirements in relation to type A fixture, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

W. B. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 14, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the third paragraph on page 39 of the specification for work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, for varnishing, which states "The first three coats to be rubbed down with pumice stone and oil", I have to ask whether it is intended that rubbing shall be done after each of the three coats, or only after the three coats have been applied, and then with pumice stone and water after the 4th coat.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

June 15th,

1904.

Completed	Completed
98% "	85% "
None	"
Completed	95 "
"	15% "
"	(B. proof) 5% Completed
70% "	98% Completed
Completed	80% "
95% "	87% "
	85% "

Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment is progressing satisfactorily. The brickwork of boiler settings (two north boilers) about one third completed. Heater room and other work is progressing toward completion.

Work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion, &c., is progressing satisfactorily. The hardware has not yet been received and work is delayed in some places awaiting placing of vault doors, etc.

Lining of burglar proof vaults E, F, G and H have been received and are being placed. It is understood that doors for fireproof vaults (under The Diebold Safe & Lock Co.'s contract) have been received in the city, but they have not yet been delivered at the building.

Mechanics employed: 4 plasterers, 4 bricklayers, 15 carpenters, 4 marble setters, 4 vault men, 4 steam-fitters, 2 plumbers and 40 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 16, 1904.

Mr. Hyman Lifshitz,
1336 Evans Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury Department to inform you that your proposal, in amount Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), for the fence enclosing the Mint site in this city, has been accepted, and you are requested to call at this office and pay said amount and remove the fence as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 16, 1904.

Mr. James Collier,
63 South Logan Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury Department to inform you that your proposal, in amount One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars (\$125.00), for the flagging at the Mint Building in this city, has been accepted, and you are requested to call at this office and pay said amount and remove the material as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1904.

Honorable H.A. Taylor,
Acting Secretary, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 13th instant in reference to the disposal of old materials at the Mint Building in this city, and authorizing me to accept the proposal of James Collier, in amount \$125.00, for the stone flagging, and proposal of Hyman Lifshitz, in amount \$20.00, for the fence enclosing the site, and in accordance therewith I have informed said parties of the acceptance of their bids and requested them to call and pay for same and remove the materials as soon as possible.

The proceeds of said sales will be deposited in United States Depository in this city to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on account of "Proposals for old fence and stone flagging" in accordance with your instructions.

Respectfully,

Wm. J. Taylor
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to Department circular letter (initial S.) of the 13th instant, relative to service of superintendents, I have to state that I do not maintain any office as superintendent, etc., of building other than in connection with the Mint Building; I have no private practice of such a nature, and am not engaged as a representative of building materials except being in the hardware business in Gibson City, Illinois, which is in no way connected with my services at this point.

Respectfully,

Geo. S. Kelly

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 17, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As suggested in paragraph 4, page 3, of report dated April 18, 1904, from Mr. R. Barnard Talcott, Assistant Chief, Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, of your Office, on work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, I requested said contractors to submit a proposal for change of the economizer (a copy of my letter of the 3rd ultimo being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal to make the change and to supply suction hose for cleaning storage water tank in lieu of a deduction, the acceptance of which proposal is recommended.

Respectfully,

Lee C. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 17, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with suggestion in paragraph 5, page 3, of report dated April 18, 1904, from Mr. R. Barnard Talcott, Assistant Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, of your Office, on work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, I requested said contractors to submit a proposal for a deduction for the use of certain old cast iron drain pipe, &c. (a copy of my letter of the 3rd ultimo being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), which is reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Eddy
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 20, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your telegram of the 18th instant, I enclose herewith sketches of the boiler-test tanks offered for sale by the S.H. Supply Company of this city, to be used in the Mint Building in this city as mentioned in Mr. W. O. Saville's report contained in my letter of the 13th instant.

Respectfully,

Lee C. C. C.
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 21, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 18th instant in reference to the manner of applying varnish in connection with Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, and advising me that each of the three coats required should be rubbed down with pumice and oil, instead of only the last coat, and I will require the work to be executed as you advise.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, (Colo.), June 21, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As suggested in your telegram of the 16th instant, I have obtained the proposal from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to use one blow-off cock and one blow-off valve, in lieu of the two blow-off valves specified for boilers in said building, which substitution the contractors suggested and I advised in my letter of the 10th instant, the change to be made without additional expense to the Government. In case the substitution is approved, the 2" valve will be placed between the 2" blow-off cock and the boiler in each case, unless instructed by you to the contrary. The proposal mentioned is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 21, 1904.

To the Board of Public Works,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of January 21st, last, in which you kindly consented to grade the portion of Evans Street and Colfax Ave. along the U.S. Mint site in this city, I have now to say that the fence has been removed which prevented your work as stated up to this time, and I would be pleased if you would arrange to do said grading at once which would also, no doubt, be gratifying to the citizens in this section of the city, many of whom have expressed a wish to have said grading done as early as possible.

Thanking you for the willingness expressed in your letter and hoping you will have the grading done at once, I am

Respectfully,

W. C. C.
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 21, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of wood base skirting supplied and placed under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, I have to say that in the attic the wood base skirting along walls is 8-1/4" high and the plinth blocks at doors is 9-1/4" high, and in the Adjusters room and Machine Shop, second story, the base skirting is 9-1/2" high and the plinth block 10" high, and I informed the contractor's foreman that the skirting should be as high as the plinth blocks, as indicated by the drawings for the work.

The foreman has handed me a letter (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) from the mill people informing him of their understanding of the drawings and stating why they made the discrepancy. The plinth blocks, they state, were cut too long by mistake.

It seems to me the work would look better if the plinth blocks and base skirting were of the same height, and I have to request instructions whether I shall require additional height of moulding on the skirting or allow the same to remain as placed.

In regard to base skirting along granolithic floor in attic where cement base was not called for and the rooms have been plastered, I directed the contractor to put in place wood base skirting along the walls as the specification called for wood base skirting in finished portions of the building where wainscot or other base is not required (paragraph 4, page 35 of the specification), and you will note from the mill people's letter that they did not understand that wood base skirting was required along said floors, and I have to ask whether it was not intended to place wood base along such granolithic floors, as for instance, Blacksmith Shop, Storage for Assayer and Distilling Apparatus and the two corridor floors in attic, all of which are to be plastered and have granolithic floors, but the specification makes no mention of base skirting along said floors.

I did not require base skirting in the motor room in attic north of Blacksmith Shop as said room is not to be plastered in the interior finish contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 21, 1904.

Mr. W. T. S. Hoyt,

Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Public Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant relative to placing rings in front panels of elevator enclosure, second and third floors of the building under your charge, requesting me to verify the number of rings and whether the grilles are assembled as the contractors claim, etc., and in reply will state that the number of rings is fifty-two and the grilles have all been assembled in the shop. The cost of the work to the Government should not much exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

With best wishes, etc., I am

Respectfully,

Lee E. Hilly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 22, 1904.

Mr. C. H. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt by reference from you on the 17th instant of letter dated the 14th instant from Acting Custodian of the U.S. Post Office and Court House in this city relative to repairs and painting of interior walls of said building, together with your instructions for report, specification and estimate of the work, and in reply will say that I have begun the work as instructed and as soon as specification and estimate can be prepared I will forward the same to you together with the Custodian's letter referred to.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a proposal, in amount \$30.00, dated the 21st instant, from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, for putting in place a cast iron frame and door in attic of said building in the terra cotta wall enclosing the cast iron stack from deposit melting room furnaces, which door and frame were requested by Mr. F. E. Healy, Superintendent of Machinery, and as the price is reasonable and as it seems to me the door is necessary, I recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 23, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 26th ultimo, I forward to you under separate covers, a sample of varnish delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, the cans containing said varnish bearing the name of Pratt & Lambert, and the brand "Public Building Varnish", the said sample being forwarded to you for identification.

I also forward a sample of raw linseed oil delivered for use on the floors, etc., for test.

A sample of the boiled linseed oil and white lead will be forwarded to you for test in a few days.

Respectfully,

W. E. Kilgus
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with authority given in Department letter (initial S.) of the 13th instant, I accepted the proposal of Mr. Hyman Lifshitz, in amount \$20.00, for the purchase of the fence, and the proposal of Mr. James Collier, in amount \$125.00, for the purchase of the old stone flagging at the Mint Building in this city, and enclose herewith a certificate of deposit, in amount \$20.00, No. 1408, from the Denver National Bank, E. J. Irish, Cashier, which money was received from Mr. Lifshitz for the fence. I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Collier in which he states that he cannot now take the flagging for the reasons given in said letter, and as it appears the checks have been returned to the other bidders, I have decided to again ask for bids for the flagging, which bids will be opened at two o'clock on the 29th instant, which course I presume is correct in view of the fact that bidders whose checks have been returned understood that their proposals were rejected, and if it is not proper to again receive bids for the flagging, I will thank you to wire me prior to the 28th instant, if convenient.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

BIDS FOR PAVING DRIVEWAY AT COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE, DENVER, COLORADO.

Name	Amount for Granite	Amount for Sandstone	Amount for Basalt	Time to complete	Amount of check.	Closing window
Interstate Realty & Contracting Co.			\$1,175.	30 days	\$ 120.	\$40.
Colorado Concrete Construction Co.	\$1,230.			30 days	\$ 128.	\$30.
The Western Realty & Paving Co.			\$2,111.30	30 days	\$ 111.13	\$25.

Opened 2 o'clock P.M., June 23, 1904, by

Acting Custodian,

Supt. of Construction,
Mint Building.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

(Through the Office of Custodian, Ct. H. & P. O., Denver, Colorado).

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your letter of the 31st ultimo, as endorsement on letter of the 25th ultimo from Mr. H. L. Price, Custodian, of the Court House and Post Office Building in this city, I have prepared specification for repaving at the rear of said building and have received proposals upon the same which were opened this day by the Custodian and myself, and I forward a copy of the specification, synopsis and bids to you herewith.

As practically all the paving is in holes except in front of mailing platform, I decided to ask for bids as stated in the specification.

The lowest bid being that of the Western Realty and Paving Company, in amount \$1,111.30, is considered reasonable, as 280 square yards of paving are required, and I recommend the acceptance of said proposal which includes the closing up of basement window opening near the mailing platform as the smell from driveway enters the building at said area and is offensive to officials occupying rooms above same and has caused

much complaint. If the window is not to be closed up the sum of \$25.00 is to be deducted from their proposal.

I enclose also the Western Realty & Paving Company's check, in amount \$111.13; the Interstate Realty & Contracting Company's check, in amount \$120. and the Colorado Concrete Construction Company's check in amount \$128.

Respectfully,

Lee G. Kelly

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 24, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that I have made hydrostatic test of the two south boilers of 260 pounds per square inch, using the City Inspector's gauge, said boilers being installed under S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment at the Mint Building in this city. Two slight leaks were discovered at the ends of two tubes, a number of brass plugs in the Hawley Down Draft furnaces leaked, and leaks were noticeable in about one fourth of the handholes. The contractors will expand the tubes and renew the plugs, and I have no doubt that the leaks in the handholes will take up when steam is in the boilers. I recommend that the boilers be accepted.

Respectfully,

W. B. Smith
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Lee Ellery
Superintendent of Construction.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 24, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial S.) of January 12th last, I visited the foundry of the Denver Iron and Wire Company, sub-contractors for iron work under Forster & Smith, contractors at the Federal Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and inspected some cast iron posts of elevator enclosure and some pieces of cast iron fascia and found that the castings were more or less irregular, and I suggested some additional work on the same to sharpen arrises, &c., which the contractors will do except on four posts which they think will answer and will ship tomorrow. The castings are sound and substantial, but the irregularity is simply a matter of appearance and I instructed them that it was desired that castings be made with sharp and true arrises in order to insure acceptance of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 24, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs. S. Faith & Company to deduct the sum of \$1.50 from the amount to be paid them under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, on account of omitting the drilling and mounting of storage battery rheostat on switchboard.

Respectfully,

Lee S. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 25, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to Department telegram of the 18th ultimo, directing me to visit the site of the Post Office building at Leadville, Colorado, and to report when a second visit would be necessary, I have to state that, from information obtained from the postmaster, it is likely the excavation will be completed some time during the week beginning July 4th, and it would seem advisable to visit the site during that week to examine the nature of the soil of foundation and to advise with the Custodian and contractor relative to starting work, if samples of cement, sand and brick have been approved by that time, unless the services of a superintendent of construction are available at that time. It would seem in the interest of the Government that a superintendent of construction should be at the building a large portion of the time after the contractor begins his foundation work in order to secure the best results.

Respectfully,

John C. Kelly
Superintendent.

June 25, 1904.

J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury, Washington, D.C.

I leave for Santa Fe, to-night. Will arrive Sunday evening.

Hillery,

Supt. Mint Building.

Official business,
Gov't Rates, Collect.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 25, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd instant relative to change of traps for acid proof sinks under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, and directing me to require the contractors to change the blanked connection in vertical acid-proof waste line in the refinery room on second floor so that the inlet opening will be left pointing into the room with bell end free from floor and building wall, and in reply will state that I have directed the contractors to make said change. The said piping with the connection is not within the wall but the inlet was left pointing toward the west, the note on the plan requiring the inlet appears on the west side of said waste piping, hence it was supposed the inlet should be on that side.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 25, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

85% of the plumbing, 80% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 80% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been installed.

All toilet rooms have been completed with the exception of a few faucet fittings; heating chamber completed; all fans and motors in attic have been placed and connected and plastering finished; brickwork enclosing north boilers has been completed, headers connected and feed water connections made, and the brickwork of enclosures of south boilers is being put in place; the fresh water tank has been completed, and tablets are being placed in well room for air compressors.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Superintendent of Construction,

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 25, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the outlet in refinery room on the vertical acid proof waste line, placed under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, I am directed by the Supervising Architect to require the said connection to be changed so that the inlet opening will be pointing into the room with the bell end free from floor and building wall.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs. S. Faith & Company, to deduct the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) from the sum to be paid them under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, on account of reusing certain cast iron drain pipe, cesspools and cleanout.

Respectfully,

B. C. Smith
Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, advising them of the approval of their drawing showing proposed method of covering opening in wall for machine for lift No. 2, a copy of which drawing (office number E-285) was also enclosed for the files of this office.

Respectfully,

Benjamin

Clerk.

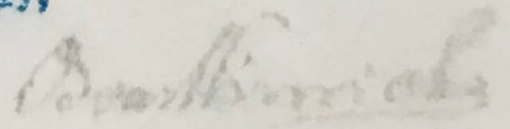
Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 27, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company to make certain changes in the economizer in their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, said change to be without additional cost to the Government.

Respectfully,



Clerk.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to announce the transmission to you this day, under separate cover, of additional samples of varnish and raw linseed oil from the material delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, said samples being sent in compliance with instructions in your telegram of the 27th instant, for test.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith
Clerk.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 30, 1904.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell,
Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by your letter just received, I will endeavor to be with you on the 5th proximo at the time of beginning work under Piper Brothers' Company for changing screens, etc. in your building.

With best wishes, etc., I am

Respectfully,

Lee S. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 27th instant enclosing copy of report of the 22nd instant from Mr. J. F. Woodwell inspection of lighting fixtures to be installed in the Mint Building in this city, which report has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 25th instant directing me to make two visits to the post office building in Pueblo, Colorado, in the month of July to inspect work of changing screens, new vault, etc., under contract with The Piper Brothers' Company, and will say that, as the Custodian has requested me to visit the building at the time of commencement of the work (the 5th proximo), I will endeavor to make the first visit at that time.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., June 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in circular letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant, I have to report the advancement of work on the Mint Building in this city, to date, under the various branches, as follows:

Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) is nearing completion; some plumbing, electric work, heating apparatus, floor paving, etc., remains undone; the electric wiring is practically completed, but the switchboard has not been placed.

The interior finish (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) is completed except portions of doors, window sash have not yet been placed; most of the hardware has not yet been received, and some flooring, plastering and marble work in various portions of the building are not yet satisfactory.

The fireproof vaults, including doors, have been completed; the lining and vestibules of burglar proof vaults, above basement, are in place.

The lighting fixtures have not yet been received.

Since June 30th, 1903, the work on heating apparatus, elevators, nearly all electric conduits and wiring, plastering, joinery work and marble work have been placed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

June 30,

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Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment is progressing satisfactorily. It is expected the brickwork of boiler settings will be completed today.

Work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion, &c., is progressing quite rapidly, but there is considerable delay in delivering the hardware, and joinery work and plastering are progressing slowly.

Work under the Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract for Burglar Proof Vaults has progressed rapidly when material was on hand, but the platforms at entrances and doors for vaults E, F, G & M have not yet been received, and no portion of the work for storage vault in basement has been received.

Mechanics employed: 6 plasterers, 6 bricklayers, 6 carpenters, 2 marble setters, 4 vault men, 4 steam fitters, 2 plumbers and 20 laborers.

The contingent force consisting of Lee Hilary, Supt., Oscar Hinrichs, Clark, Eugene G. Wilson, and Herbert D. Bartlett, Watchmen, have been on duty the full thirty days during the month of June, with compensation at the rate of \$2100, \$1200, \$840 and \$840, respectively, per annum.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 22nd ultimo, directing me to visit the U.S. Court House at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and confer with the Custodian relative to work of repairs, painting, etc., at said building, under contract with F.P. Critchton, and examine into the conditions then existing and report, will say that I left this city on Saturday evening, the 25th ultimo, but, owing to error concerning Sunday trains, I did not arrive in Santa Fe until Monday afternoon, the 27th ultimo. I then visited Mr. A. L. Morrison, Custodian of the building, and conferred with him regarding the work and spent the 28th and part of the morning of the 29th with the Custodian and contractor, going into details concerning the character of work required, and I am satisfied they fully understand the requirements so that the work will, I believe, progress in a manner to secure good results and in compliance with the specification and contract.

The Custodian arranged to forward you samples of white lead and linseed oil for test. The brick for sidewalk and slabs for curb being of vitrified shale and as good as I have seen anywhere, I did not advise the Custodian to forward samples of the same. The painter had some tur-

Mr. J. K. Taylor, ~~Superintendent~~.

pentins at the building for use in his work, and I instructed him to use only satisfactory lead and oil with the necessary colors and had him remove the turpentine.

The cesspool for blow-off from the boiler was omitted from the specification prepared and forwarded by me February 1st, last, and while two cesspools have been constructed at the building for sewerage and drain, the one originally constructed, at the time (I presume) the building was constructed, has been completely filled and the new one constructed a few years ago is not deep enough to permit draining the boiler when the same is blown-off for cleaning, so that it is necessary for the engineer to carry the water out of the building in buckets when emptying the boiler, and considerable of the water, I understand, runs out into the basement when the manhole plate is taken out which has a tendency to cause additional settlement of the boiler setting and adjoining wall, so that I again recommend that a contract be made for an additional cesspool 4 feet in diameter and 12 feet deep as described in the specification previously forwarded to you for said work.

Concerning the conditions existing at the building, I have to say that they are approximately as reported to you February 1st, there being no evidence of additional settlement in the walls of the building since my examination at that time, from which I am satisfied there is no need of alarm as to the building's safety and no necessity for anchoring the walls for securing. A vitrified brick floor has been laid in a portion of the basement since my previous visit. The character of work was found to be entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the double door on mezzanine floor opening to the balcony in melting room, Mint Building in this city, which is shown hinged to fold upon itself, I have to ask if it is not desired to hinge the first leaf (on which the lock is placed) to swing over the balcony instead of as shown on drawing No. 101, as rabbet at soffit of frame would prevent said leaf swinging toward the corridor, as indicated, until after the other leaf is opened, so that the two if hung as indicated must be opened together with top and bottom bolt on the corridor side.

Respectfully,

Leo Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 28th ultimo enclosing copy of sketch of boiler-test tanks with request that I obtain from the S.H. Supply Company of this city, owners of said tanks, a proposal for the sale of the same including changes as indicated on the sketch, and I have requested said company to submit such proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee A. ...
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2nd, 1904.

The S.H. Supply Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

In the matter of sale of the three iron tanks now in your possession, I have to request that you state your price for said tanks changed as indicated by the enclosed sketch, which changes are to be made by you and the price to include delivery at the Mint Building in this city, all connections to be guaranteed water-tight. The piping, etc., and connections of the same are fully detailed on said plan.

With the request that you hand me your proposal for the tanks including said change, etc., at the earliest possible moment, and return the enclosed drawing with your proposal, I am

Respectfully,

Lee
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir-

Referring to paragraph 5, page 39, of the specification for work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, I have to ask whether it is desired that the lettering shall be placed on the wood work or on the glass panels on glazed doors to office rooms in the building. I have also to ask whether the polished face of chipped plate glass panels of doors shall be turned toward the corridor side or room side of the doors, it being necessary to have polished face on corridor side in case lettering is placed upon the glass and it seems necessary that the glass in all panels be set with the same face out.

Respectfully,

Lee
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, July 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 27th ultimo, enclosing copy of report dated the 22nd ultimo as a result of a shop inspection of the lighting fixtures to be installed in the Mint Building in this city under my charge, the contents of which has been noted and the report placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 28th ultimo enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Baith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, in connection with acid-proof sinks to be placed under their contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to require in attic room and where necessary on the second floor an additional height of molding or base skirting to line with top of plinths in accordance with the drawings under your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, this city, and also to require wood skirting in all finished attic rooms, in accordance with the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 28th ultimo in reference to certain base skirting, Mint Building in this city, and directing me to require additional height of molding on base skirting in attic rooms and where necessary on second floor to line with top of plinths in accordance with drawings, and also to require wood skirting in all finished attic rooms, and in reply I have to state that the contractor has been instructed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 29th ultimo, enclosing copy of report dated the 24th ultimo, submitted by Mr. W. O. Saville in relation to boiler test of the two south boilers at the Mint Building in this city, and informing me that said test is satisfactory, - which report has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 28th ultimo, forwarding copy of drawing #286 and directing me to obtain proposals for the work indicated thereon for floor in engine room, Mint Building in this city, and to forward said proposals to your Office with my definite recommendation, which instructions will be complied with as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., July 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work in place under S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

90% of the plumbing, 85% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 90% of the elevators have been put in place.

Motor starters are in place and connected ready for operation; the brickwork of south boilers has been completed and breeching is now being placed, and expect to start slow fires in all boilers on the 6th instant; all feed pipes have been connected to boilers, but not connected to tanks; now filling fresh water tank, which now has about three feet of water, no signs of leakage; will require about two days more to complete filling. It is only 3/4" hose connection is being used.

Respectfully,

W. H. Smith
 Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
 Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Superintendent of Construction.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith bids for purchase of flagging at the Mint Building in this city, and a copy of the specification calling for said bids which were requested as stated in my letter to you of June 23rd, last. It seems there is now very little demand here for stone flagging as sidewalks generally have been completed in compliance with recent city ordinance, hence the bids are low and there is no probability of obtaining better bids at this time in case these are rejected, and I therefore recommend the acceptance of proposal of J. E. Courtney and E. M. Brandt, in amount \$67.50

The sale of the flagging is in accordance with authority given in Office letter (initial B.) of October 28th, 1903. All other old materials here have been disposed of since that time.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

SYNOPSIS OF BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF STONE FLAGGING AT
MINT BUILDING, DENVER, COLO.
Bids opened June 29, 1904.

Name of Bidder	Amount of bid.	Amount of check.
J.E. Courtney E.H. Brandt	\$ 67.50	\$ 6.75
B.E. Patten	41.00	4.10
W.C. Strohm	40.00	4.00
J.O. Keating & Co.	36.00	3.60
Wagner & Prigel	22.75	2.27

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 5th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 2nd instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs. S. Faith & Company, in amount Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), to furnish and place one cast iron manhole frame and door to acid fume chamber as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Leo C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 8th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will forward to me one hundred
blanks of voucher, Form No. 6600, for use in connection with work, etc.,
at the Mint Building in this city under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Gilkey
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 7th, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 28th ultimo, I requested several parties to submit proposal for floor construction, etc. in engine room of the Mint building in this city in accordance with drawing No. 286, and in response have received two proposals enclosed herewith, one from Mr. John Gregor, in amount \$1151.00, accompanied by a certified check for \$150., as he is not at this time a contractor for work under your Office, and also a proposal from Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$846.00, and as the latter proposal is the lower of the two, and is deemed reasonable, I recommend its acceptance as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc) of this building, with the provision that he use the flooring 1-3/4" thick when dressed. The proposal is made on the basis of the original contract, - in other words, that it is not to require any extension of the time allowed him for the completion of his original contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 8th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In the matter of chipped plate glass to be used under Mr. James A. McConigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, I have to state that the same was brought to the building this morning and one crate opened but was found to have large plain surfaces in the chipping not corresponding with the sample, the face generally throughout showing chipped surfaces as large as $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in length and very many from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" in diameter, so that the glass was returned to the warehouse to wait until a sample in large sheet could be forwarded to you for your decision, and if after receipt of the sample the same is satisfactory to you, I wish you would inform me as early as possible and forward to me an additional sample larger than the one I now have (about 4" square) so that I can use the same more satisfactorily as my guide in inspecting the glass when it is delivered at the building.

Respectfully,

Lee B. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 8th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 28th ultimo, I requested the S.H. Supply Company of this city, to submit a proposal for boiler-test tanks together with modifications as indicated by sketch, for use at the Mint Building in this city (a copy of my letter of the 2nd instant being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount \$45.00, for the three tanks, which proposal is deemed reasonable and the acceptance of the same is recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 9th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (initial F. B. W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work in place under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

90% of the plumbing, 85% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 88% of the electric wiring and 90% of the elevators have been put in place.

Work is in progress laying the concrete foundation for boiler room floor. Breeching for boilers was found to be too large and had to be returned to shop. I am unable to report anything definite in regard to fresh water tank, but hope to do so in my next report.

Respectfully,

M. B. Smith
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Wm. H. H. H.
Supt. Construction.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 12, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 8th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date relative to heater in connection with the contract of Messrs. S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Taylor
Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 13, 1904.

Mr. J. I. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 25th ultimo, I visited the Post-Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, and conferred with the Custodian and contractor relative to commencement of work under contract with The Piper Brothers Company for change in screen, new screen, vault, etc., and have to report that work had begun on the construction of the vault and other matters, and the contractors stated that they have made sub-contracts for vault door, mill work, etc., and I obtained from the Custodian full size details for Post Office screen and plaster cornice, also scale drawing for Post Office screen which were loaned to the contractor with the provision that he preserve the same carefully and return them to the Custodian at the earliest possible time, so that in getting out his work he may arrange to complete the same to correspond with the screen, etc. in place.

I called the contractors' attention to the character of shipped plate glass for screen (which appears to be triple shipped) and other

matters of importance, giving instructions as to requirements, measurements, etc., concerning which the contractors were in doubt.

The contractors have two sets of drawings for the work but only one copy of the specification, and the Custodian has no drawings but one specification which is the contract specification; and I therefore recommend that a set of drawings and specification be sent for the use of the Custodian, and one more specification for the contractors' use be sent to the Custodian.

Respectfully,

L. H. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter of even date from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which is accompanied by letter of the 25th ultimo from The Kerr Marble & Stone Company, sub-contractors, relative to the marble fronts of closet partitions in toilet room No. 4 for which the marble work has been rounded at the bottom corners to 2" radius and not square as indicated on drawing No. P-79 for toilet rooms Nos. 3 and 4. The said finish in toilet No. 3 is in accordance with the detail on said drawing.

As the marble work is practically all in place in said toilet room (one piece only lacking), and as the doors may be placed 1'2" above floor instead of 1', as indicated on said drawing, without materially affecting the appearance of said work, I recommend that permission be granted the contractors to place the doors at that height using the marble work as placed to avoid delay in the completion of their contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 13, 1904.

Mr. G.W. Githens,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your purchase of the temporary office at the Mint Building in this city, which building was removed from the site on the 11th instant, the specification provided that the purchaser after removing the office must remove the sewer pipe from the same and cap the sewer in such a manner as will be satisfactory to the city authorities, remove water piping, etc., which I have no doubt you have forgotten and I therefore desire to call your attention to the matter and to request that you attend to the same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 14, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 11th instant, informing me of the acceptance of proposal of The Western Realty & Paving Company, in amount \$1,111.31, for repaving the driveway, etc., at the Post Office and Court House building in this city, and requesting me to assist the Custodian of said building in seeing that the work is properly executed, which request will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 15, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 12th instant relative to lettering of doors, etc., under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, informing me that said lettering should be on glass panels and the polished face of chipped plate glass should be turned toward the corridor side, and in reply I will state that said instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 16th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 12th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs. S. Faith & Company to substitute blow-off valve and blow-off cock on boilers in lieu of the two blow-off valves required by the specification for work under their contract of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which letters have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lin. H. H. H.

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

July 15th,

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	90% "

Work under Messrs. B. Faith & Company's contract, Mechanical Equipment, is nearing completion but progresses somewhat slowly, as is also the case with work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion, etc., and efforts are being made to hasten the progress of said work. The delivery of hardware has been delayed, and plastering, carpentry work, etc. are not progressing as rapidly as they should.

The Disbold Safe & Lock Company under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults have almost finished vaults N, F, G & M. Nothing has been done towards placing the lining of basement storage vault, which material has been received.

Mechanics employed; 6 plasterers, 5 carpenters, 1 marble worker, 4 vault men, 2 steam fitters, 1 plumber and 30 laborers.

Respectfully,

L. B. Bolding
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 15, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt by reference from you on the 12th instant of letter from the Custodian of the Post Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, dated the 29th ultimo, enclosing proposals for recovering the tile portion of roof of said building, and as soon as I can investigate the matter and prepare a report concerning the same, I will so report and return the proposals and letter mentioned.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Hilly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring again to letter of the 29th ultimo from Custodian at Post Office building, Pueblo, Colorado, which letter, together with proposals for new tile roofing on said building, was referred by you to this office on the 12th instant for report and recommendation, I have to say that by investigation I have learned directly and indirectly from parties who bid on the work that, owing to the fact there are seven courses of tile required for said roof, one of which, the first, to have closed ends, and another row, the top, to die to a flat surface, both of which tiles are much more expensive than regular shapes, the price of new tiling would be not less than \$30.00 per square; and I have also learned that bidders anticipated a great expense in removing the present tile and cleaning and repairing the back tile in place and placing planking along the eaves to prevent tiles, etc. from falling to the sidewalk while people are passing, so that it seems the amount named by the lowest bidder, \$1200.00, is reasonable, there being about 32 squares of tile

Mr. J. K. Taylor

ing at \$30. per square would amount to \$960, and approximately \$240 for planking, removing tiling and cleaning and repairing hook tile, etc., and I believe the Akron, Ohio, tile, which the lowest bidder proposes to use, will be satisfactory, although I am satisfied the Ludowici interlocking tile, red, unglazed, can be obtained and placed for the amount of Mr. Klein's bid (\$1200), wired to wood strips, bolted to hook tile as specified, omitting pointing with elastic cement and substitute asphaltum felt on the hook tile which I consider would be more advantageous to the Government than to use Akron tile bedded in cement and nailed to the hook tile and still better if the said Ludowici tile, yellow glazed be substituted, which would cost not to exceed an additional \$200.

The reason the Ludowici tile seems preferable is that the interlocking arrangement makes them more nearly water-tight without pointing, allows for expansion and contraction without cracking, and furthermore, wiring them to wood strips bolted to the hook tile would make a more secure and substantial roof, and a yellow glazed tile would be more in harmony with the style of the building than the unglazed red tile.

It seems that bolting the wood strips to hook tile, which can readily be done by using toggle bolts is new to bidders in this work as the representative of the Ludowici people showed me his figures in which he made an error of more than \$300. on this work alone in excess of the probable cost, and this deduction together with the substitution of asphaltum felt for the cement would reduce the amount of his proposal

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to about \$1200. using semi-glazed tile.

I suggest that Mr. Klein be asked to state more definitely his method of fastening the tile in place, as the tile if bedded in cement should also be nailed to the book tile as at present, and wood nailing strips should be supplied and nailed to the book tile to receive the nails in case the book tile breaks in nailing. I also suggest that he be asked to state whether he would be willing to substitute Ludowici semi-glazed red interlocking tile for the Akron tile, wired to wood strips, bolted to book tile at the price of his original proposal, and also how much additional expense would be incurred if yellow glazed tile of same make are substituted.

In case he will substitute the Ludowici interlocking, semi-glazed tile for the Akron tile at the price named in his proposal, or the yellow glazed at an additional \$200. expense, I recommend that one or the other be accepted; but in case such substitution cannot be made as suggested, I recommend that the proposal, in amount \$1200, for Akron tile, be accepted, provided the tile are secured to the book tile in a satisfactory manner and samples of the Akron tile meet your approval.

I return herewith the Custodian's letter above mentioned, together with specification, four proposals, letter of June 27th from the Ludowici Tile Company and check receipts which accompanied the proposals.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work in place under S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

83% of the plumbing, 85% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 88% of the electric wiring and 90% of the elevators have been put in place.

Work is still in progress laying boiler room floor; expect to complete breeching for boilers today and start slow fires under boilers; all water and steam connections have been made to boilers, and connections to pumps and tank will be completed the first of next week; fresh water tank leaks badly on east and south sides and through shaft; are now ejecting the water from tank so as to make another examination and plaster around shaft with cement mortar; elevators will be completed during coming week except placing cables, which the representative of the Otis Elevator Co. states positively cannot be done until current is in the building to test the machines; will drop the elevator cars the first of next week.

The mechanical equipment will likely all be completed during the coming week except the installation of the switchboard which has not yet been received at the building.

Respectfully.

[Signature]
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

[Signature]
Superintendent of Construction.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 18, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 15th instant, relative to method of hinging the double door on the mezzanine floor of the Mint Building in this city, and informing me that, if the same is hinged to swing over the balcony in melting room, it will be satisfactory to your Office, and in reply I have to state that I will direct that the work be performed accordingly, without expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Ewing
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 15th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company to deduct the sum of \$50.00 from the amount of their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building in this city, to substitute a hot water heater as shown by blue print also enclosed with your letter, in lieu of the Keystone heater required under the terms of their contract, which letters and blue print have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of The S.H. Supply Company, in amount \$45.00, to furnish three boiler-test tanks for the Mint Building in this city, vouchers for which will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee C. [unclear]
Superintendent.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., July 19, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect,
 Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I return herewith specification referred to me on the 16th instant with memoranda making inquiries concerning painting, etc. at the Post Office and Court House, in this city, and the questions raised are hereby answered as follows:

1. The present walls of the two court rooms are painted, and the ceilings and borders are handsomely and elaborately decorated in distemper. The walls being somewhat discolored, I considered that cleaning and painting one coat would put the same in good condition, and as it appears the ceilings and cornices, together with wall borders, can be properly cleaned, I provided for said work in the specification by stating "Painting the walls, cleaning the wall borders and ceilings in the two court rooms".

2. Room No. 13-A is a new room which was provided last winter by removing rear stairway and enclosing the stair-well on the second and third floors and by extending the third floor construction. The ceiling and cornice in said room being new were calcimined at that time, but, owing to the fact that there was some moisture in the plastering and new floor arches, the calcimine was somewhat discolored and has lately been peeling off, although it appears the same was properly done at the time. The walls have been painted and are in good condition, only the ceiling and cornice need re-calcimining. Center and cornice decoration in said room were called for in view of the fact that I had specified similar decoration in office rooms. As it is now intended to omit the decoration, this room will be put in proper condition by cleaning and re-calcimining the ceiling and cornices to correspond with other rooms.

3. The cornice in Tiles room off from room No.20, is partially along the new partition constructed last winter, and the calcimine on same is slightly discolored from moisture which came to the surface recently, and I considered it advisable to re-calcimine said cornice. The walls in said room have been recently painted, ceiling calcimined and are in good condition.

4. Center decoration in room No.27-A was called for because a portion of the same is discolored around the chandelier which was put in place and plastering applied last winter (said room being a new room and directly above No.13-A.) It was considered advisable to finish said room to correspond with center decoration in other rooms, but as it is now intended that no decorations are to be provided, this may be omitted. The room in other respects is in good condition.

5. Clause marked "C to D", referred to room No.25 and other rooms over the main court room which are above the third floor line and occupied by the Janitor, Surveyor of Customs and Post Office Inspector. In preparing the specification I mentioned said rooms specifically in order to avoid any doubt on the part of the bidders as to whether said rooms were included, although above the third floor. I have lined out said clause as the question raised indicates that the statement would be more clear by omitting said clause. And again in the latter part of said paragraph I have lined out the exception and references to certain rooms which required only a small amount of work and which work is specifically called for in the first portion of said paragraph. I excepted said rooms in the specification in order to be certain that the bidders would not include in their estimate painting, etc. generally in said rooms.

6. In the specification I provided for cleaning the painted walls which have had from three to four coats of paint, removing the distemper borders beneath cornice, giving the latter space one coat of varnish and two coats of linseed oil paint, then giving the entire wall below plaster cornice one additional coat of paint, and as the present walls have been painted, I considered that cleaning and giving the same one good coat of paint would be all that is necessary and would be in the interest of economy and the work.

I return herewith the specification believing the information given will enable you to ask for proposals for the work and put the building in proper condition.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, July 19, 1904.

Mr. J. M. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of constructing and finishing the portion of the coining room floor directly over the boiler room, Mint Building in this city, for which Mr. James A. McGonigle's proposal, in amount \$1194.00, was accepted April 14th, 1903, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building, for placing magnabestos blocks, etc., I have to report that said work was done in accordance with the terms of the proposal and the floor is not satisfactory. The cement finish (about 2" thick) does not adhere to the work below, being separated from the same by the asbestos paper, and I do not know of any method by which the cement finish can be made to adhere to the concrete and arches to make the work solid and substantial, but it would seem necessary that some new method be adopted by which the floor can be made solid and secure and yet prevent the heat from rising into said room from the boiler room.

Other cement floors throughout the building are practically all complete and are in good condition except an occasional crack which I have

directed the contractor to remedy, and I would have the contractor remedy the defects mentioned in the coining room but it appears he has complied with his contract and the defects are in nowise due to any error or fault on his part.

Respectfully,

Lee
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 19, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 16th instant requesting me to urge the contractors to exercise dispatch in the progress of their work on the Mint Building in this city and have the building cleaned and all debris removed in accordance with the terms of their respective contracts by the 1st proximo, and in reply will state that I have for some time been urging the contractors to hasten the work and will continue to do so, although it appears improbable that the building will be ready for occupancy before September 1st, next, as no locks have been delivered at the building, much other hardware is lacking, considerable plastering and joinery work remains to be done, and the painters remonstrate when I urge them to make better speed as they claim they cannot satisfactorily varnish and finish the joinery work until they can obtain exclusive possession of portions of the building to be finished, and they claim it will require in the neighborhood of two months apparently to complete their work judging from conditions of other portions

of the building.

Concerning the latter paragraph in your letter relative to transfer to Portland, Oregon, about the first of August, and to Department letter of June 22nd, last, directing me to make two visits to the Court House building at Santa Fe, New Mexico, I will state that at the time of my previous visit there (the latter part of June), the Custodian considered it advisable for me to make the second visit to the building about the first week in August, and I have to ask whether or not in case transfer is made I shall make the said visit to Santa Fe as directed in said Department letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 19, 1904.

The S.H. Supply Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with your request of this date, I forward you herewith the sketch showing alterations, etc., of the tanks to be furnished by you for boiler test, Mint Building in this city, and I will thank you to preserve said sketch and return the same to this office when the tanks have been completed and are ready for delivery.

Respectfully,


Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 20, 1904.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,
Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building in this city, I have to inform you that the Department desires that greater progress shall be made in your work in order that the building may be turned over to the Mint Officials on the 1st proximo for occupancy, and I have therefore to request that you give this matter consideration in the hope that your work may be in such a state of completion as to permit the occupancy of the building as desired by the Department.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to progress of work under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, I have to inform you that the Department desires, if possible, to transfer the custody of the building to the Mint officials on the 1st proximo for occupancy, and I am requested to inform you of the necessity of dispatch in the progress of your work and to request that you clean up the building and move all debris caused by your work with the hope that the building may be ready for occupancy as desired by the Department.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., July 20, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
 Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the progress of work under your contract of Completion, etc., Mint Building in this city, I have to inform you that it is desired, if possible, to have the building ready to transfer the custody of the same to the Mint officials on the 1st proximo for occupancy, and I am directed by the Department to urge upon you the necessity of dispatch in the progress of the work and to request you to have all work under your contract completed as far as possible by that time, the building cleaned and all debris due to your work removed in full accord with the terms of your contract.

The work of finishing, as you know, consists largely in the completion of little details which consume time, and alterations are often necessary in previous work to place the later finish, and I have to urge that you give these matters especial attention with the hope of completing all work as nearly as possible by the first proximo, as requested.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 21st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith voucher for expenses incurred in traveling under instructions given in Department letter (initial S.) of the 26th ultimo, from Denver, Colorado, to Pueblo, Colorado, and return, in connection with certain changes in screen, etc. in the Post Office Building at Pueblo, Colorado.

Upon returning to this city about 10 o'clock P.M. it was considered a convenience to engage a cab rather than wait for a car, one not being in sight, hence an item of expense for said cab is included in the voucher.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward under separate cover samples of white lead and
boiled linseed oil, delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's con-
tract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint
Building in this city, which samples are forwarded for identification
and test as promised in my letter of June 23rd, last.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
2:5 Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 19th instant making inquiry relative to room for Civil Service examination purposes in the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will say that representatives of the Commission called at this office some time ago and expressed themselves as being anxious for one of the second story, northeast rooms of the building which they said would suit their purpose; but as to what provision can be made for their accommodation without interfering with the work of the Mint, I am not prepared to say, although I informed the representatives of the Civil Service Commission when here that I did not believe it would be advisable to permit the use by them of a room in this building intended as it is for minting purposes, as there would be considerable annoyance and risk in permitting applicants to enter and pass through portions of the building as would be required, and I still think the Mint officials would object most seriously to the use of any portion of the building for such a purpose.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 19th instant in regard to progress of work under the various contracts at the Mint Building in this city, and to the preparation for turning over the custody of the same to the Mint authorities, I have to say that the wood flooring has not been laid in the cashier's room, but at the time of writing said letter the contractor was expecting the flooring in a few days. He now informs me that the flooring was in a railroad wreck and that new flooring has been ordered and every effort will be made to secure the same at once so as to complete said floor early in August.

Respectfully,

Ed. C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial B.B.W.) of the 19th instant relative to marble finish and doors in toilet room No. 4 of the Mint Building in this city, advising me that the marble work finished around the bottom corners 2" radius with the doors raised 2" instead of as shown on drawing No. P-79 will be satisfactory, and in reply will state that I have so informed the contractors and the work will be done accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., July 23rd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect,
 Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (F.B.W.) of the 6th of February, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work in place under S. Faith & Co.'s contract for the Mechanical Equipment is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

93 % of the plumbing, 85% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 88% of the electric wiring and 90% of the elevators have been put in place.

Work is in progress laying the floor in boiler room; slow fires were started under boilers on the 18th instant; connections to pumps and tanks have been completed; shaft in fresh water tank has not yet been plastered with cement mortar; elevator cars Nos. 2 and 3 were dropped on the 22nd instant with the following results, in the presence of the Superintendent of Construction and myself:

Car No. 2. Total distance traversed by car 7 feet; distance traversed after grips operated, 2 feet 9 inches.
 Car No. 3. Total distance traversed by car 4 feet; distance traversed after grips operated, 13 inches. Car stopped very abruptly and grips cut into guides about $1/8$ ".

Respectfully,

Forwarded through

Superintendent.

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
 Ventilating Apparatus.

Office of

Superintendent of Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 23rd, 1904.

Received by H. J. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 20th instant accepting the proposal of J.E. Courtney and E.M. Brandt, in amount \$67.50, for the purchase of the old stone flagging at the Mint Building in this city; the purchase money for which sale will be deposited in the nearest United States Depository to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as account of "Proceeds of sale of old flagging."

Respectfully,

Lee Vining
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colorado, July 23rd, 1904.

Dr. J. E. Courtney and Mr. E. M. Brandt,
1350 Welton Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department to inform you that your proposal, in amount \$67.50, for the purchase of the old stone flagging at the Mint Building in this city has been accepted, and you are requested to call at this office at your earliest opportunity and pay for same and remove it from the premises.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 25, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 21st instant in reference to blue print forwarded on the 15th instant showing heater to be installed under S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, and requesting that said print be given office number H-286, which instructions have been complied with.

Respectfully,

Donald E. French

Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 25, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant advising that sample of varnish, brand "Public Buildings", manufactured by Pratt and Lambert, taken from material delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, has been tested and found satisfactory.

Respectfully,

B. C. [Signature]
Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 25, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 21st instant, advising that the contractors must provide electric current necessary for use in installing the elevators at the Mint Building in this city, and in reply you are informed that the contractors will be directed accordingly.

Respectfully,

B. C. Smith

Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 25, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 21st instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to E. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, advising them relative to approval of non-conducting coverings, samples of which have also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

B. C. Smith
Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 25th ultimo, directing two visits to be made to the Post Office Building at Pueblo, Colorado, and examine work being done by The Piper Brothers Company under contract for change in screens, etc., I have to state that the second visit referred to was made on the 24th and 25th instant, and I found that the contractors had furnished considerable material which is satisfactory and were putting some in place in accordance with the terms of the specification, although not as rapidly as expected. The contractors informed me that mill work and other material are being gotten out rapidly and that although they have progressed slowly thus far, they are certain they will complete the work within their contract time of 100 days from June 20th, last.

The work of repairs on skylight, a contract for which was given about May 21st, last, has not progressed satisfactorily. Some broken glass still remains in the skylight, and much of the lead and copper caps on sash bars remains unplaced. At my previous visit I advised the

Custodian to inform the contractors in writing; that unless they proceeded immediately to complete the work, recommendation be made to the Department that a contract for completing the work be made and charged to said contractors. The Custodian informs me that he has so notified the contractors but nothing has been done apparently within the current month and some leaks in the skylight are evidently due to the existing defects, and I advise that the Custodian be given instructions to demand the completion of the work or have the work done under a separate contract and the cost of the same be charged to the original contractors for said repairs.

Respectfully,

John C. [Signature]
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with authority given in Department letter (initial S.) of the 20th instant, the proposal of J. E. Courtney and E. M. Brant, in amount \$67.50, for the purchase of the old stone flagging at the Mint Building in this city, has been accepted, and I enclose herewith certificate of deposit No. 1438 from the Denver National Bank, signed by E. I. Irish, Cashier, for said amount.

Respectfully,

Lee H. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 26, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith voucher for expenses incurred while traveling from Denver, Colorado, to Pueblo, Colorado, and return, in obedience to instructions given in Department letter (initial S.) of the 25th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Lee. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 28, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$846.00, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, to construct a floor in the engine room, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

The unsuccessful bidder for the above work has been informed of the acceptance of Mr. McGonigle's proposal and that his certified check will be returned to him by your Office.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount \$450.00, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to furnish and install cast brass traps on the five acid proof sinks and change sink connections, etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 29, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with requirements of note on drawing No. 111 included in Mr. James A. McGonigle's set for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, which note reads as follows: "Contractor is required to submit photographs of this work for approval" (referring to newel posts), the contractor has furnished two photographs of newel posts which are forwarded to you herewith for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leo Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Department letter (F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit my weekly report.

The work in place under S. Faith & Co.'s contract for the Mechanical Equipment is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

93% of the plumbing, 90% of heating and ventilating apparatus, 88% of the electric wiring and 90% of the elevators have been put in place.

The concrete for boiler room and coal vault floors has been completed, and paving in boiler room has been completed; shaft in fresh water tank has been plastered with cement mortar, and sides of tank coated with cement, and contractors promise to fill tank with water at once for test. On the 26th inst. elevator No. 1 was dropped and fell a distance of 23', striking spring buffers and rebounded, the grips failing to work. The cage beam after elevator had stopped was 2" out of level; one of the screws connecting grip broke. The elevator is being repaired, and as soon as completed another test will be made.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through

Superintendent of Construction.

MINT BUILDING, DENVER, COLORADO.

July 30th,

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Completed

99% "

None

Completed

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90% "

Completed

99% "

Completed

94% "

Completed

95% "

25% "

(B.Proof) 60% Completed

99% Completed

90% Completed

88% "

90% "

Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Co.'s contract for Mechanical Equipment and under Mr. W. A. McGonigle's contract for Completion, etc., has progressed so far that it is believed it can all be completed during the coming month of August. The remaining work consists of small items, such as connecting heating pipes, radiators, etc., brick paving in coal vault floors, placing of hardware, joinery work and minor matters of alterations, etc. of defects. The switchboard under Faith & Co.'s contract has not yet been received, and work under Mr. McGonigle's contract for placing floor construction for the same has not begun.

The Dischold Safe & Lock Co. under contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, has nearly completed the lining of storage vault in basement, leaving some interior partitions on same, and raised platforms for other vaults have not been placed. The doors and platforms for storage vault have not been received.

No work has been done under the Mitchell Vance Co.'s contract for Lighting Fixtures.

Mechanics employed: 6 plasterers, 6 carpenters, 8 bricklayers, 6 painters, 1 machine worker, 10 vault men, 1 steam fitter, 1 plumber, 6 electricians and 24 laborers.

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The contingent force, consist of Lee Ullery, Superintendent; Oscar Hinrichs, Clerk; Eugene C. Wilson and Herbert D. Bartlett, Watchmen, have been on duty the full thirty days during the month of July, with compensation at the rate of \$2,190.00; \$1,200.00, \$840.00 and \$840.00, respectively, per annum.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery
Superintendent.

A.L.Morrison,

August 1st,

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Custodian, U.S. Court House, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I leave for Santa Fe tonight.

Official Business,
Gov't Rate, Collect.

Ullery, Supt. Mint

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
Mint Building,

U. S. Denver, Colo., August 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 28th ultimo in reference to the cement floor in the portion of the coining room over boiler room, Mint Building in this city, asking for additional information as to the method employed by the contractor in laying said floor, and in reply I have to state that the floor arches were finished over with concrete to the top line of floor beams under previous contract leaving the tops level 4 inches below finished floor line. Upon this the present contractor placed sufficient cement mortar to smooth the same, then placed the 6"x 36" x 1-1/2" magnabestos blocks with all joints filled with asbestos plaster. This work was done several months ago as it was at that time the intention to finish the floor, but Faith & Company asked to have the finish postponed until they could place hangers through said floor for steam pipes and gallery, so that the finish was put on recently. The magnabestos blocks were brushed clean and roughened, repaired with asbestos plaster where uneven or damaged, and the surface given a thin coat of

Buckhorn plaster, upon which the asbestos paper roofing (asphalted) was placed and the granolithic finish applied directly on top of the same.

The asbestos paper was saturated with asphalt before delivery evidently at the factory where made and no additional asphalt was applied to the same here, as I understood from correspondence that the paper should be in that state, and the granolithic was properly mixed and applied with the care required for granolithic floors generally.

I had a hole cut through the granolithic to the magnabestos blocks for examination and found the granolithic very hard and compact, but it did not adhere to the asphalt paper nor did the asphalt paper adhere to the hard plaster below. The plaster, however, adhered to the magnabestos blocks, which latter appear to be compact and in good condition. It seems that the paper absorbed some moisture which caused it to swell and heaved the granolithic blocks above it loose from the surrounding granolithic border, so that while the magnabestos blocks and hard plaster are compact, the work above it is not secure.

Respectfully,

John H. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 1, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a letter of the 27th ultimo from the Supervising Architect advising me that the drop test on car No. 3, Mint Building in this city, is not satisfactory, and that proper adjustment of grips should be made so as to stop the car in a manner less abrupt than during said test.

Respectfully,



Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
Ventilating Apparatus.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 30th ultimo, advising that the headquarters of Mr. W. O. Saville, Inspector of Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus, now stationed at the Mint Building in this city, have been transferred to Baltimore, Maryland, for which point he is to leave on the 4th instant.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., August 3, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect,
 Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (F. B. W.) of the 27th ultimo, I have to submit a detailed report as to the conditions of the Mechanical Equipment being installed at the Mint Building in this city under contract with Messrs. S. Faith & Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Superintendent of Construction of the building being absent on official business, this report is forwarded without his signature thereon.

All work in connection with the Mechanical Equipment has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement, except as hereinafter specified by reference to the numbered paragraphs of the specification, as follows:

PLUMBING. SECTION 1.

Paragraph No. 112. The clearest fittings are all in place, but plugs have not been placed.

Paragraph No. 115. 2 1/2" fire hose connections have been placed and valves, etc. not placed but on premises.

Paragraph No. 117. Hangers and supports placed but not painted.

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Paragraph Nos. 147 and 148. Floor and ceiling plates not in place.

Paragraph No. 164. Smoke test has not been made.

Paragraph No. 185 to 187. I have requested the Superintendent to inform the Department if this test has been made; he is now absent from city.

Paragraph Nos. 196 to 200 Sink has not been placed. ✓

Paragraph No. 214. Seats not placed but in building.

Paragraph No. 224. Not placed; on premises. ✓

Paragraph Nos. 234 to 240. Sinks not in place.

Paragraph Nos. 251 and 252. Test made but certificate not forwarded to the Department.

Paragraph Nos. 253 to 254. Painting not completed.

Paragraph No. 279. On the premises but not in place.

Paragraph No. 291. Numbers not placed.

Paragraph No. 295. Registers not yet provided with operating chains.

STEAM POWER PLANT, NO. SECTION 11.

Paragraph No. 301. Tank constructed according to the specification but several leaks are noticeable; contractors have made unsuccessful efforts to remedy leaks.

Paragraph No. 404. Breeching in place but hangers not placed. ✓

Paragraph No. 424. Complete except covering. ✓

Paragraph No. 443. Dumpers in place, but not counterweighted, etc.

Paragraph Nos. 444 to 446. Dumper regulators on premises but not in place. *not in case* X

Paragraph No. 456. Fan in place but not tested, etc., and plastering not completed.

Paragraph Nos. 459 to 460. Firing tools and scale not furnished.

Scale not

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Paragraph Nos. 467 to 470. Test not made.

Paragraph No. 474. Automatic pressure regulator not placed.

Paragraph No. 482. Tank in place but fittings not placed; on premises.

Paragraph No. 489. The pipe to tank to enter below water line; has been placed in top of tank.

Paragraph Nos. 499 to 502. Not in place.

Paragraph Nos. 520 to 534. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 549. Are in place in accordance with specification, except gaskets are cut so as to extend from inside pipe bore to bolts.

Paragraph No. 570 Trenches in place, but covers not placed.

Paragraph No. 574. Plates not yet in place.

Paragraph No. 576. Test not made.

Paragraph No. 577 Cabinet not in place.

Paragraph No. 580 No rawhide pinion provided. Foreman informs me that the pinions have been shipped and will be placed at once upon receipt.

Paragraph No. 594. Gallery now being placed.

Paragraph Nos. 597 to 598. Painting not completed.

Paragraph No. 605. Floors not completed.

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS. SECTION III.

Paragraph No. 661. Gaskets extend from inside of pipe bore to bolts.

Paragraph No. 670. Plates not in place; portion of plastering completed.

Paragraph No. 674. Test not made.

Paragraph Nos. 677 to 680. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 711. Plates not in place.

Paragraph Nos. 732 to 735. Painting not completed.

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Paragraph No. 754. Not painted.

SWITCHBOARD.

SECTION IV.

The switchboard has not yet been received at the building.

ELECTRIC WIRING AND CONDUIT SYSTEM. SECTION V.

Paragraph No. 612. Completed except conduits to main storage vault in basement.

Paragraph No. 643. Bronze door frames and marble trim not yet supplied. *V in a not so*

Paragraph No. 649. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 650. Numbers and letters not all in place.

Paragraph No. 661. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 672. Not in place.

ELECTRIC ELEVATORS. SECTION VI.

Paragraph No. 936. Not in place.

Paragraph Nos. 943 to 945. In place but not connected.

Paragraph Nos. 946 to 949. Not in place.

Paragraph Nos. 963 to 965. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 976. Not completed.

Paragraph No. 977. Not in place.

Paragraph No. 979. Not completed.

Test for cars Nos. 1 and 3 have not been made second time, as directed.

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NON-CONDUCTING COVERINGS. SECTION VII.

No work under this heading has been put in place.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting &
Ventilating Apparatus.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 5th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 1st instant announcing the acceptance of proposal of Henry Klein, in amount, \$1250.00, for repairing the roof of the Post Office Building at Pueblo, Colorado, and directing the Superintendent to make two visits to the building named to inspect the work.

Respectfully,

Charles H. ...

Clerk.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 6th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 1st instant concerning the construction of portion of floor in coining room over boiler room, Mint Building in this city, I find that in my letter of January 2nd, 1903, addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, a copy of which was enclosed with my letter to you dated April 2nd, 1903, the magnabestos blocks were to be secured to the beams with suitable copper clips and copper wire, which requirement was overlooked by me in superintending the work, and was not recalled to my notice until going over the said correspondence at this time. I am satisfied that the omission was due to an error on the part of the contractor's foreman also, but as the magnabestos blocks appear to be securely held in place with the plaster, as stated in my letter of the 1st instant, it does not appear that the omission of the copper clips and wire is in any way responsible for the condition of the work above it. The value of the copper clips, placing, etc. should, however, be taken into consideration in adjusting the matter of remedying the defective floor, as the contractor should make proper allowance for the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 6th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith voucher for expenses incurred in traveling from Denver, Colorado, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and return, in obedience to instructions in Department letter of June 22nd, last.

On account of the fact that a wreck occurred on the night of the 4th instant near Alamosa, Colorado, our train was delayed and on the morning of the 5th instant we were taken from Alamosa to Salida and arrived in Denver about 10 o'clock P.M. on the 5th, which extra traveling is the cause of additional expense as indicated by the enclosed voucher.

Respectfully,

Lea C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 6th, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter of June 22nd, last, directing me to make two visits to the Court House Building at Santa Fe, New Mexico, I left here on the 1st instant to make the second visit in compliance with the Custodian's telegram of that date and made careful inspection of the work being done under contract with F. P. Crichton for repairs and painting in said building. I found the repairs to main stairs had been completed, one corner of the platform having been raised 3-1/2" is now level and in every way substantial and satisfactory. The floor in second story corridor has been completed, and that in first story corridor has been begun. The repairs to entrance door have been satisfactorily done. A portion of the plumbing and part of the painting of exterior stonework have been completed. The brickwalk in front of the building has been completed and the painting of the iron railing enclosing the lot has been done. The ceilings throughout the building have nearly all been calcimined, but are not satisfactory, and upon investigation I found that the paint-

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er had finished the same in distemper without first applying a coat of lead and oil paint for priming as required by the specification, to which I called the attention of the contractor and Custodian and directed that the present ceilings be re-cleaned and primed and re-finished. The painted bands of color specified to be 4'6" from floors have partially been completed, but as the building has settled considerably, leaving the floors uneven and as the contractor measured from the floor in each case, the painted bands are not level but wavy and look bad, being more noticeable than the unevenness of the floor on account of being nearer the line of the eye. The flooring being used is 3-1/4" wide instead of not over 3" as specified, but is of excellent quality and appears to be thoroughly well dried, and the contractor informed me that he could not conveniently obtain flooring 3" wide hence he purchased 3-1/4" instead of 2-1/2" which he might have secured.

The time for completion of the contract is ninety days from June 15, 1904, or September 15th, and from present conditions the prospects are favorable for completion of the work prior to the 16th proximo, and it seems essential that another visit should be made to the building for final inspection at the time of completion of said work.

Part II, page 6, of the specification new wood flooring is required on the entire second floor, whereas it was intended to require new flooring only in the second story corridor. The word "corridor" having been some way omitted from the specification and as new flooring is

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not needed in the second story rooms, I have to suggest that the contractor be asked to state the amount he will deduct from the sum to be paid him under his contract for the omission of wood flooring in the second story rooms.

Respectfully,

Law Valley

Superintendent.

Office of

Superintendent of Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 8, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P) of the 5th instant relative to a bill submitted by The Hebold Safe & Lock Company for the balance outstanding under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building in this city, and in reply I have to state that vaults E, F, G & H have been practically completed except the painting and placing of platforms for the same; the storage vault in basement has the linings, vestibule and interior partitions practically completed but no painting has been done except priming, and the doors and platform together with motor for same have not yet been received at the building. In reply to a letter of July 20th, last, from this office urging the completion of this work if possible by August 1st, I received a communication from said company stating that they believed the work would be completed by September 1st, and from present conditions I would say that it is probable that the said work may be completed by

that date unless the placing of doors and platform for storage vault and the painting of the vaults delay said completion, from which facts you may readily see that the balance outstanding under said contract is not yet due.

Respectfully,

John E. Kelly

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 8, 1904.

Mr. Frank M. Downer,
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Under existing contracts for work on this building there is a requirement for lettering of doors indicating the title of occupant and office hours of said official, and I have to request that you will furnish me the data from which I can instruct the contractor properly concerning said lettering.

Respectfully,

John C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 9, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your circular letter (initial F.) of the 5th instant directing that hereafter all letters transmitting drawings to your Office must not be wrapped in the roll with the drawings but be forwarded under separate cover, and in reply I have to state that said instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

John C. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 11, 1904.

Mr. A. J. Morrison,

Custodian, U.S. Court House,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant in regard to painting of the ceilings in your building, and would suggest that you inform the contractor that all ceilings must be treated as specified, and unless the work is completed in a satisfactory condition at the time of final inspection, it will not be accepted.

Respectfully yours,

John C. [Signature]
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 11, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 8th instant enclosing copy of report, dated the 5th instant, as the result of the shop inspection of the switch board to be supplied under the contract of S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, and also enclosing copy of letter of even date addressed to said contractors in relation to the single break switches which they have supplied, which report and letters have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

L. W. Bellamy
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial F.) of the 9th instant directing me to visit the Post Office Building at Pueblo, Colorado, and make examination of the vault and screen in registry division being installed and submit a report thereon, also make an examination and report of the work under contract with Henry Klein for retilling roof, etc. of said building, said visit to be considered one of the two directed in Department letter of the 1st instant, and in reply I have to state that in obedience to said instructions I will be in Pueblo on the morning of the 16th instant and make examination, etc. of the work as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, August 12, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant, advising me that the samples of boiled linseed oil and white lead submitted for use under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, have been tested and found satisfactory.

Respectfully,

John P. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1904.

Mr. A. Pilloni,

36-1/2 Chardon Street,

Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant making inquiry regarding the terrazzo floor in toilet room in the Mint Building in this city, and will say in reply that it seemed that the terrazzo was properly put in place but the concrete filling beneath same did not adhere to the brick arches, and consequently the same had to be taken up and relaid.

The stamp enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 13, 1904.

Mr. J. M. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 10th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to S. Faith & Company relative to the thickness of covering for cold water piping to be installed under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 15, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.B.W.) of the 11th instant enclosing copy of Office Letter of even date addressed to The Mitchell Vance Company, relative to shipment of fixtures under their contract for installation of Lighting Fixtures in the Mint Building in this city, and advising me that all necessary shop inspection of said fixtures has been made and that they should be installed in the building as rapidly as conditions will permit. In reply I have to state that a number of the fixtures have been placed in the building, but wire connections to the same have been deferred until insulation test has been made of the wiring throughout the building.

Respectfully,

L. B. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 15, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.B.W.) of the 11th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, advising them of approval of print (Office number P-288) showing cast brass traps for acid proof sinks, a copy of which print has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

L. C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

August 18,

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Completed	95% "
99% Completed	88% "
	90% "

Work under Messrs. S. Smith & Co. for Mechanical Equipment, is nearing completion and it is believed by the end of the present month said work will be ready for final inspection, except the placing of switchboard, some work on elevators and minor items of plumbing, heating apparatus and electric work.

Work under Mr. Jas. A. McGonigle for Completion, &c. is progressing more satisfactorily, the hardware, etc. having practically all been received, and it is believed said work will be ready for final inspection at the end of present month except possibly the placing of floor and office in engine room and some minor matters throughout the work.

Work under the Disbold Safe & Lock Co. for Burglar proof Vaults is nearing completion, and it is believed that practically all the material required has been delivered and that the work will be ready for final inspection by the end of this month, except possibly some painting, finishing, placing of sealing devices and platform at storage vault in basement, which work has not yet begun.

Work under contract of Mitchell Vance & Co. for Lighting Fixtures is progressing rapidly and the same may be ready for final inspection at the

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end of the present month or soon thereafter.

Mechanics employed: 5 plasterers, 10 carpenters, 6 painters, 1 marble worker, 10 mault men, 1 plumber, 4 electricians, 2 glazers, 1 cooperanith and 16 laborers.

Respectfully,

L. V. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 15th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 20th ultimo, accepting proposal of J. E. Courtney and E. M. Brandt, in amount \$67.50, for purchase of old flagging at the Mint Building in this city, I have now to inform you that the said purchasers have made payment for the same which was deposited with the United States Depository in this city, as indicated by my letter of the 26th ultimo, and that the old flagging has all been satisfactorily removed, as has also all other old material the sale of which has been authorized.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D. C.

Think only minor items of work will remain unfinished September first. Can instruct Custodian and Hinrichs so that with inspector's assistance unfinished work can be completed.

Supt. Ullery, Mint.

Rush.

Official business,
Gov't. Bldg., Col.

T e l e g r a m .

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial B.) of the 15th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. D. Goldstein, in relation to the forfeiture of his certified check which accompanied his bid for the purchase and removal of old stone flagging, etc. at the Mint Building in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial P.) of the 9th instant, I went to Pueblo, Colorado, on the 16th instant and made inspection of the work being installed by Piper Brothers in the construction of vault, change of screen in registry division of the Post Office building in said city and gave the contractor instructions concerning matters of which he was in doubt and for which he had telephoned me, and also gave instructions to the Custodian relative to the same, and I have to state that the work is progressing satisfactorily and will, I think, be completed by the middle of September which will be within the 100 day's time allowed from the approval of the bond on the 20th of June last.

I also conferred with Henry Klein concerning the beginning of work of retiling the roof, etc., on said building, advised him to repair the copper work at once, which he will do, and gave instructions to him and the Custodian as to the method of placing and securing tile, hip rolls, etc., so that I am satisfied the work can be satisfactorily completed under the supervision of the Custodian.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith vouchers for expenses incurred in traveling from Denver, Colorado, to Pueblo, Colorado, and return, under instructions given in Department letters (initial S.) of June 25th and (initial T.) of August 9th, last.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Mr. J. E. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In the matter of placing locks on joinery work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, I have to say that some locks delivered at the building are intended to be placed with the cylinder above the knob, namely, for toilet room doors and for doors between communicating rooms. All other locks have the knob above the escutcheon. I have directed the contractor to place the locks with the knob above where possible, but for toilet room doors and for double doors of communicating rooms it is not possible to place the locks in that manner, and I have to ask whether the locks for toilet rooms and for double doors between communicating rooms may be placed with the cylinder above, or shall I direct the contractor to return said locks and supply others to make the work similar throughout in that respect.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 18, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

In the matter of testing elevators in the Mint Building in this city, placed under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment, &c., I have to inform you that the test on car No. 3 was not satisfactory to the Department. The distance traversed by the car was 4', and the distance traversed after grips operated was 13" when the car stopped very abruptly and the grips cut into the guides about $1/8$ ". The Supervising Architect therefore directs that proper adjustment of the grips should be made so as to stop the car less abruptly than in said test and that a further test of the car is desired.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 19, 1904.

The Piper Brothers Company,
220 West Second Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant making inquiry concerning the corner post at southeast angle of new screen in the Post Office building in your city, and in reply will say that it would appear best to construct said post of the same width as screen as per your suggested method, shown on sketch accompanying your letter.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Elger

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 19, 1904.

The S.H. Supply Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

In the matter of preparing and supplying the three tanks
for testing boilers at the Mint Building in this city, for which you
were given the contract by Department letter of July 14th, last, I would
be pleased to have you inform me about how soon the third or large tank
can be prepared and delivered at the building.

Respectfully,

John H. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 19th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, approving sample of low pressure sectional pipe covering submitted for use in connection with the heating apparatus, a portion of which sample has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

L. A. S.
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, advising them of approval of print of instruction plate for marble back of urinal stalls, one copy of which print has also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee B. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, August 23, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (Initial S.) of the 27th of May, last, relative to the services of a vault, safe and lock expert in connection with the installation of the Burglar Proof Vaults, etc., under contract with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, I have now to state that the said work is nearing completion and it is deemed essential that said expert should visit the building at an early date (on the 29th instant, or as soon thereafter as possible) in order that inspection, etc. may be made of the work prior to the time of its completion.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 23rd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 20th instant referring to telegram from the Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint relative to the use of ventilating fans in the new Mint Building in this city, and requesting advice concerning the same.

In reply I have to state that the ventilating fans are in place complete with all wiring, etc. ready for use, waiting only for the electric current which is being provided by the representatives of the Director of the Mint. A motor generator set with switchboard having been placed in the basement, the same is now ready for use and wires have been placed from the city electric company's poles to the building, so that the necessary current will in a few days be provided for operating the ventilating fans, lights, etc.

The electrician in charge of the work under contract with S. Faith & Company states that he will make any additional connections of wiring, etc. for the fans when requested, without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Supervising Architect,

August 23, 1904.

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Current from Mint motor generator set will be ready for insulation test of wiring, etc., by the end of this week.

Official business,
Gov't Rate, Collect.

W. L. Lery, Supt. Mint.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 25, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 22nd instant requesting me to advise you as to when I consider the services of the two watchmen at the Mint Building in this city, can be discontinued, and in reply will say that it appears a number of items of work on the building will remain unfinished at the end of the present month when I turn the building over to the Custodian, and as it is probable that the Mint officials will occupy the building from and after that time, it would seem for the present at least, the said watchmen's services should be continued, if funds will permit, until the Custodian shall report and advise to the contrary.

In this connection I will state that they are worthy men and it would seem to be in the interest of the Government to retain them in the service if possible and the Custodian concurs with me in this opinion.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 25, 1904.

The Piper Brothers Company,
220 West Second Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant referring to the door in the new screen, Post Office building in your city, and will say that if the Custodian desires to have the door hung on the opposite side from that shown on the drawings, there will be no objection to hanging it so; and in regard to the lock, etc. on the closet door from vault, will state that it would be best to place a rim lock with wood knob as specified. This requirement was inserted in the specification in the Supervising Architect's office, and it would be well to follow the drawings and specification in performing the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 26, 1904.

The Honorable R. B. Armstrong,
Acting Secretary,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 22nd instant informing me of the appointment of Mr. Frank M. Downer, Assayer in Charge, as Custodian of the U. S. Mint Building (New), this city, with instructions to assume the duties thereof on August 31st, 1904, and directing me to transfer the custody of said building, all books, papers, and other Government property in my possession relating thereto, to him on that date, and to take his receipt therefor and forward the same to the Department, which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Lee C. ...
superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 26, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial J. C. P.) of the 23rd instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, to deduct the sum of \$100. from their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, on account of the substitution of single break switches for the double break switches specified, which letters have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 26, 1904.

Mr. E. F. Sandy,
Custodian, U. S. Court House and Post Office,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the letter of the 25th instant addressed to you by Mr. F. A. Putney, Chief Clerk of the Railway Mail Service of the building under your charge, relative to cleaning, repairing walls, etc. in room No. 28, and enclosing a bill in amount \$6. from Mr. M. J. Wickham, I will state that during the work under Mr. M. J. Wickham's contract of alterations, etc. in your building, dated about November 28, 1903, we found when the Secret Service Division was removed from room No. 28, and cases, racks, etc. which had been nailed to the wall, were taken down that the plastering was badly broken and Mr. Putney requested the contractor to clean and repair said walls (which was not required by his contract), and that in case it was not paid for by the Government, Mr. Putney would pay the bill himself, the price of which was \$6. A similar proposition was made by the Marshall concerning room No. 30; but as the walls in the latter room were not broken, no charts, racks, etc., having been secured to the walls, and as the contractor had broken the walls and repaired the same where he had cut the new doorway, I insisted the

contractor must clean and finish the walls in said room to correspond with the new work around the new doorway as it was possible to put such a construction on the specification as to require that work. When, however, he cut the doorway from room No. 28, he was more careful not to damage the surrounding plastering, so that when his door and trim were placed he had no broken plastering to repair, and I was unable to so construe the specification as to require the contractor to clean or repair the walls in room No. 28; and while I remember the circumstances distinctly, the matter of payment for said work was not brought to my attention until now, and as the walls of room No. 28 needed repairs and cleaning, through no fault of the contractor, and as the price of \$6. is reasonable, it seems to me entirely proper to recommend to the Department that said bill be allowed instead of requiring the officials to make payment from their personal funds.

In this connection it will be noticed that Mr. Putney refers to the fact that in the work of cleaning, painting, etc. in the building under your charge, the specification for which was prepared by me and forwarded to the Department June 23rd, last, the cleaning and painting of room No. 28 can now be omitted, and I would suggest that you recommend to the Department that the said specification, which is now, I believe, in the Architect's office, be so amended as to omit any additional cleaning and

painting in said room and that the bill referred to by Mr. Putney be allowed.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Putney
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 27, 1904.

The McPhee & McNamara Lumber Company,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, making inquiry concerning rim lock and wood knob to be supplied and placed on door over vault in the Post Office building in your city, and in reply will state that the rim lock is a lock to be placed on the face of the door stile instead of being mortised; and the wood knob is a knob made of oak, turned, etc. to give the same a neat finish to correspond with the finish of the wood work generally.

The specification for said work generally was prepared by me, but the requirement of rim lock with wood knob was inserted at the Supervising Architect's office in Washington, and I presume they want just that thing, and I have no doubt if you consult catalogue for hardware you can find such without much difficulty, as I have often seen them in buildings and have had them placed under contracts on buildings planned, etc. by myself.

Hoping you may be able to secure and place said lock without much difficulty, I am

Respectfully,

W. C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 29, 1904.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 26th instant enclosing Department letter of the 24th instant transferring me for service in connection with the extension of the Post Office building at St. Joseph, Missouri, to take effect on the 1st proximo, with compensation increased to \$2,500.00 per annum; instructing me to forward final report on the Mint work, itemizing defects and omissions, etc., on the 31st instant, etc., and to report by wire my arrival in St. Joseph, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 29, 1904.

The Honorable H.A. Taylor,
Acting Secretary,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 24th instant relieving me from duty on the Mint Building, Denver, Colorado, to take effect from and after August 31st, 1904, and detailing me for duty in connection with the construction of the Post-Office Building at St. Joseph, Missouri, to take effect September 1, 1904, with compensation increased from the rate of \$2,190.00, per annum, to \$2,500.00 per annum, and informing me that my traveling and subsistence expenses en route from Denver, Colorado, to St. Joseph, Missouri, will be paid from the appropriation for "Post Office, St. Joseph, Mo." and authorizing me to issue and certify vouchers for my services accordingly.

Respectfully,

Edw. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 29, 1904.

The Honorable H.A. Taylor,

Acting Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial H.C.S.) of the 26th instant informing me of the transfer of Mr. Lee Ullery, Superintendent of Construction of Public Buildings, for duty at St. Joseph, Missouri, to take effect on the 1st proximo, and that the U.S. Mint building in this city, has been placed in charge of the Custodian, also authorizing me to represent the Government in connection with any contracts for work under the control of the Supervising Architect and to aid the Custodian in securing completion of the building in a satisfactory manner and to initial any vouchers which may be issued by the Custodian in payment of work, which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Beaumont Newhall

Clark.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., August 31, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect,
 Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 25th instant, directing me before leaving for St. Joseph, Missouri, to forward my official report of the work on the Mint Building, in this city, itemizing therein the defects and omissions existing, I forward said report as follows:

Work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract dated August 29, 1902, for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), is complete except the placing of flooring in engine room, painting and varnishing in various portions of the building and the completion of minor matters as follows:

Hooks are required for holding iron gates open.

Plate glass required for front entrance lamps and at driveway entrance.

The west rear iron gates at basement entrance are in wind.

Register is required in inspection pit below basement vault.

Walls and floor of inspection pit below basement vault not satisfactory.

Cement wainscot at the entrance-way to basement storage vault.

Filling of concrete required at sill of engine room door.

Platforms required beneath the roof scuttles and extending to along an elevator shafts over furred ceilings.

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Broken plastering at various registers, joinery trim, in light wall, etc., and plastering discolored in refinery room, refinery drying room and elsewhere through out the building.

Some defects exist in terrazzo floors in first and second story corridors, which the contractors are now endeavoring to remedy.

Some defects exist in marble wainscot, such as unevenness of joints etc.

Defects in stiles of door in carpentershop in basement and machine shop, second story, made while boring for top and bottom bolts.

Varnishing and finishing joinery work in basement not begun.

Treads of rear stairs and many rings of balustrade on same not secured. Screw holes open and tread at mezzanine floor, east side, too high.

Piers and door frames in passageway from boiler room to heater room not furnished.

Some Spanish tile on roof broken.

Hinges required for one cover of coal vault.

Quadrants required for covers over ash hoist and well room.

Plaster mortar to be cleaned from marble work and granite at window openings.

Cement plaster required in ceiling over storage water tank and in sweeps room.

Rough cement plastering in well room, etc. to be remedied.

Closet door over cashier's vault to be supplied.

Grading and sodding of lot not completed.

Piers in sweeps room 2' square instead of 2'4".

Cast iron threshold to be placed at rear engine room door.

Plastering required at motor in strip annealing room.

Device to be placed for operating louvers of both dormers and screen placed on same.

Mr. J. K. Taylor, B.

- Granite of fence wall and building wall to be cleaned.
- Wood handrails to be placed on stairs and on balconies.
- Wood trim on doors of adjusting room not satisfactory.
- Linings of vaults H, K and L to be painted two coats.
- Iron beams over second story ceiling lights to be painted.
- Open joints in lining of vault B-C to be filled.
- Whitewash walls, etc. in coal vault, not cemented.
- Iron trim at elevator No. 3 not well fitted and secured.
- Skirting in machine shop, second floor, not same height as plinth blocks.
- Louvres on roof ventilators to be straightened and secured.
- Copper work on roof not painted. (The contractor was requested by letter of March 31, 1904, to submit proposal for substituting acid proof paint for that specified for copper work, but said proposal has not yet been received.)
- Walks on roof to flag staff not yet extended.
- Scuttles in attic ceiling to have frames and covers.
- Floor in coining room not satisfactory.
- Considerable hardware on joinery work not yet placed.

Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract, dated August 9, 1902, for the Mechanical Equipment, is practically complete, except matters mentioned in report of the 3rd instant submitted by Mr. W. O. Saville, Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus, which report is modified on account of work performed since the date of same, as follows:

The brass hose bibb cocks not yet placed in boiler room and sweeps room, but piping is in place for same.

Instruction plates not yet placed at urinals. Section 190.

Sink in boiler room placed. Section 196.

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Rubber curtains and shampoo attachment not placed in shower baths.

Gas piping not tested under my supervision. Section 261.

Toilet room floors not turned up one inch at bottom of wainscot, but floors along walls are from one to two inches above drain in center of room, and in attic the tarred paper is turned up back of the wainscot about 6 inches.

Chains for operating ventilating registers not placed. Section 255.

Economizer must be used as a whole, as per office letter of June 23, 1904. Section 303 and 313.

Water meter has been placed in pit near street curb as the Water Company positively refused to place the meter inside the building. Section 309.

Smoke breechings are secured to walls with angle iron. Section 404.

Motor for economizer not set.

Damper regulator set, but not cased. Section 446.

Water for feed water heater set. Section 519.

Some trench covers have not lap joints. Section 570.

Flashing not placed at exhaust pipe, and drip and acid vent in main vent shaft nor earthenware pipe south of main vent shaft.

Ladders not placed. Section 595.

Cover for coiner's well not properly fitted.

Toilet stall doors not properly varnished and rubbed.

Some leaks in in storage water tank still existing. Efforts are being made by the contractors to remedy the same.

Non-conducting covering not placed on pipe.

Covering and gaskets not placed on attic draft fan, proposal for which accepted February 3, 1904.

Piping tools and scales have been supplied.

Mr. J. K. Taylor-----57

Scuttle cover in attic annealing room and plate at side of fan not placed.

Smoke test of plumbing fixtures not made.

Basket grating and down spouts removed by contractors not replaced.

Duct in basement storage vault, not placed.

All angle stiffeners not placed on duct over attic ceiling.

Terra cotta not repaired where hangers are secured over furrered ceiling.

Switchboard not yet supplied. The contractors have been directed to clean part of the west wall of the building, second story, where discolored by water, etc. from down spouts, when contractors had same closed during past winter.

Work under the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, for Burglar Proof Vaults, and Work incidental Thereto, dated December 15th, 1904, is practically completed, the motor, etc. for storage vault platform not yet placed, and platform mechanism not completed. No painting has been done in said storage vault; closet door over vault "A", not straight, and some painting, etc. to be done in fireproof vault vestibules.

Work under The Mitchell Vance Company for Lighting Fixtures, has progressed but little; some chandeliers have been placed and some ceiling light fixtures put in place but not properly secured. Toggle bolts etc. are required to secure the same to the terra cotta, etc. of ceilings.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

August 31st, 4.

Completed	Completed
"	96% "
None	"
Completed	80% "
"	90% "
" (B.P.)	90% "
97% completed	99% "
Completed	97% "
"	88% "
	90% "

Work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion, &c., is complete, except some painting, joinery work, placing of locks, construction of the floor in engine room and minor matters throughout the building.

Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for Mechanical Equipment, is practically complete, except minor matters of detail and corrections of defective work.

Work under The Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, etc., is practically complete, there remaining only some finishing of platform of storage vault in basement and minor matters in connection with other vaults.

Work under The Mitchell Vance Company's contract for Lighting Fixtures has progressed but partially, there being only a few fixtures in place.

Mechanics employed: 5 plasterers, 10 carpenters, 6 painters, 1 marble worker, 10 vault men, 1 plumber, 4 electricians, 2 glazers, 1 coppersmith and 16 laborers.

The contingent force, consisting of Lee Ullery, Superintendent; Oscar Hinrichs, Clerk, Eugene C. Wilson and Herbert D. Bartlett, Watchmen, have been on duty the full thirty-one days during the month of August, with compensation at the rate of \$2190., \$1200., \$840. and \$840. respectively, per annum.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 31st, 1904.

The Honorable R.B. Armstrong,
Acting Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial F.) of the 22nd instant, I have transferred the custody of the Mint Building in this city, including all books, papers and other Government property in my possession, relating thereto, to Mr. Frank M. Downer, Custodian, and have taken his receipt therefor which is forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

Lee Alley
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

Office of the ~~Assayer in charge~~, SUPERINTENDENT

Denver, Colo., November 12, 1904.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith three vouchers, in duplicate, in payment of the services of one clerk and two watchmen from November 18th, to November 30th, 1904, in connection with the Mint Building in this city under my charge, and request that they be made "special".

Respectfully,

Thos. A. M. Deane

Custodian.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

Office of the Assaymaster in Charge, SUPERINTENDENT

Denver, Colo., November 22, 1904.

Sir:-

Complying with the request contained in your letter (initial P.) of the 11th instant, for a statement regarding the date of completion of Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, the causes for delay, if any existed, and whether or not the Government sustained any loss on account thereof, together with a detailed statement of the account, I have now to report as follows:

Work on this contract was practically completed September 1st, 1904, about seventeen months later than provided by the contract, the items remaining to be done after this date, with the exception of the installation of the switchboard, being only of a minor nature. The contractors were unable to erect the switchboard at an earlier date, however, owing to the fact that the floor in the engine room (to be put in place under contract for interior finish) was not placed until the 12th of September, 1904, after which the switchboard was installed without further delay.

Owing to the many changes in the building embraced in Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the interior finish, the contractors for

Mr. C. E. Kemper.....

the Mechanical Equipment were prevented from doing but little work until late in the spring of 1903. (See letter dated April 24th, 1903, from Superintendent Ullery forwarding letter, dated April 23rd, 1903, from S. Faith & Company).

The causes for the delay may be summarized as follows:

1st. Building not sufficiently advanced toward completion to receive the installation of work under this contract promptly after the award of same.

2nd. Much difficulty was encountered in getting the necessary materials promptly, the shipments of same coming from Chicago and other points further east.

3rd. Difficulties with the labor unions due to controversies between the contractors and the unions in Philadelphia.

There has been considerable correspondence in regard to delays on the part of Faith & Company as retarding the completion of work on the interior finish contract, and vice versa, but it is not believed in either case that such delays affected the ultimate completion of either contract.

Therefore, as the contract of Faith & Company has been contingent in a large measure upon work under the interior finish contract and an earlier completion of their work would not have enabled the Government to occupy the building prior to September 1st,

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1904, owing to the existence of said contract and the contract for vaults, etc., it is not believed the Government has sustained any pecuniary loss due to the failure of the contractors to complete their work more promptly, and I have therefore to recommend that no forfeiture be exacted from them based thereon.

The following is a statement of the account to date:

Amount of contract dated August 9, 1902, ----- \$126,800.00

Additions.

February 3, 1903,	\$ 192.00	
February 3, "	98.00	
June 1, "	550.00	
July 9, "	42.00	
July 17, "	34.00	
July 18, "	118.00	
July 18, "	283.00	
September 19, "	50.00	
September 19, "	60.00	
September 24, "	332.00	
October 29, "	50.00	
February 10, 1904,	132.00	
February 13, "	67.00	
March 1, "	80.00	
March 19, "	29.00	
April 14, "	20.00	
April 27, "	87.00	
May 4, "	850.00	
May 11, "	21.00	
May 11, "	30.00	
July 2, "	450.00	
July 26, "	25.00	
October 6, "	207.00	
October 10, "	600.00	4,407.00
November 2, "		
Total		\$131,207.00

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

Office of the ~~Assayer in charge~~, SUPERINTENDENT

Denver, Colo., November 22, 1904.

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter (initial P.) of the 11th instant, for a statement regarding the date of completion of Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, the causes for delay, if any existed, and whether or not the Government sustained any loss on account thereof, together with a detailed statement of the account, I have now to report as follows:

The work under this contract was practically completed September 1st, 1904, about four months later than provided by the contract, with the exception of items of a minor nature which have now been about finished.

The reasons for the delay may be briefly stated to consist, first, of an under-estimate on the part of the contractor of the time necessary to make the numerous changes in the building as embraced in this contract; and second, an inability to secure the marble finish, joinery finish, hardware, etc., without considerable delay; and, after said materials were received, it seemed

Mr. C. H. Kemp

difficult to secure the services of competent marble setters, carpenters, etc., in any large number to expedite the work of placing the materials in the building. And I consider it proper to add in this connection that the contractor has shown an unusual desire at all times during the execution of his contract to supply only the best of materials and to save no reasonable expense to put the same in place in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner.

While it was the wish of the officials at the old Mint building in this city to occupy the new building on the first of July, last, the two months delay in doing so involved no extra expense to the Government and I do not believe, therefore, that the Government has sustained any pecuniary loss as the result of this contract not being completed within the time stipulated, hence I recommend that the forfeiture for delay be waived.

The following is a statement of the account.

Amount of contract dated August 25, 1902, ----- \$ 213,432.00

Additions.

December 4, 1902,	-----	\$ 6,682.00	
March 26, 1903,	-----	26.50	
April 14, "	-----	1,194.	
" "	-----	279.00	8,181.50
			<u>\$221,613.50</u>

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Amount brought forward \$ 221,613.50

May 28, 1903,	33.00	
June 4, "	69.00	
" 4, "	50.00	
June 5, "	300.00	
June 25, "	28.50	
June 26, "	78.30	
July 7, "	125.00	
July 9, "	40.00	
July 11, "	172.00	
July 28, "	35.00	
August 7, "	550.00	
August 17, "	1,095.00	
August 31, "	443.00	
September 5, 1903,	27.50	
September 9, "	160.00	
September 9, "	133.00	
October 10, "	1,075.00	
October 17, "	45.00	
January 20, 1904,	110.00	
February 9, "	215.00	
February 9, "	100.00	
February 9, "	30.00	
March 5, "	7,885.00	
March 12, "	150.00	
March 25, "	86.20	
June 9, "	846.00	13,881.50
July 25, "		
Total		\$ 235,495.00

Deductions.

January 20, 1904,	\$ 35.00	
March 5, "	10.00	
May 12, "	22.50	67.50
		\$ 235,427.50

Payments on account \$211,884.75
Retained 10% to date 23,542.75
\$ 235,427.50

Respectfully,

Custodian.

Mr. H. H. Kemper,
Chief Executive Officer,
Office of the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT DENVER,

March 29, 1905.

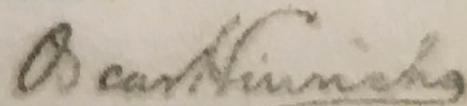
Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial W.F.F.) of January 20, 1905, addressed to Mr. Lee Ullery, Superintendent of Construction of this building, in reference to paving the streets contiguous to the Mint building, I have the honor to ask as a matter of information whether the Government has ever, by special appropriation or otherwise, paid its portion of the expense necessary to pave the streets around a Government building.

The Mayor of this city contends that Congress has appropriated money for this purpose (in isolated cases, of course) in the past, and thinks the Government did in the case of the post office building in this city.

I would like very much to have this information and trust you will kindly send it to me.

Respectfully,



Clerk.

Honorable H.A. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT DENVER,

May 9th, 1908.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 7th instant received this morning, and Mr. Hyder has misled you in informing you the floor of the sweeps cellar is satisfactory, as I informed him only the latter part of last week that water still continues to form puddles in the center part of the room. He had the entire floor taken up and relaid, but Saleen (who did the work) got the middle of the room, between the two dry walls low, and water stands in this place now instead of the other places where it stood before the floor was taken up. Saleen made an attempt to remedy the defect some little time ago, but failed to raise the entire low area, and he was at the building Friday last when I called his attention to the defects still existing and he promised to remedy the matter as soon as possible.

Considerable delay has been caused by the fact that the water has been dripping quite freely through the roof of the room during the past few weeks owing to several snows and rains, and this morning is still dripping, which does not permit any work to be done at the present time. Had this not been the case, I would have forced Mr. Hyder to repair all defects promptly so your check could be returned, and I am sorry so much delay has occurred in the matter but there appears no way to avoid it except to wait until the room is in such condition that the remaining defects can be remedied.

Immediately after the floor had been relaid, I tested its draining facilities by flooding the room by means of a hose, and found the low place in the center, and promptly called Saleen's and Hyder's attention to the matter. After Saleen attempted to remedy the trouble, I again flooded the room and reported to them that it still was unsatisfactory, and have urged them from time to time to attend to the matter.

I rather regret that Mr. Hyder permitted Saleen to do this work and indicated to him before he made his contract that I did not think much of Saleen's mechanical skill in the cement line especially and suggested that he get a regular cement contractor to do the work and thus avoid the likelihood of the floor not being satisfactorily relaid, but he got a fellow by the name of Morrell to sign the contract and the work was turned over to Saleen, that is, the latter performed it all, and I do not quite see where Morrell entered into the matter. I believe it was done to overcome the objection I made to Saleen.

As soon as the defects mentioned have been remedied, I will wire the Supervising Architect to that effect, and I hope the matter can be settled in the very near future.

With kindest regards and hoping your work at St. Joseph is progressing satisfactorily, I am

Yours very truly,

Benjamin

P.S. I have written you fully regarding the sweeps cellar in order that you may understand the long delay in the matter.

